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S. G. RUSS, Com.
W. [illegible], Adjutant.

W. R. C.

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Miss LENA WRIGHT, Prest.
[illegible], Sec'y.

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[illegible], Em. Com.
W. H. CURTIS, Chancellor.

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E. A. U.

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S. M. AUER, Secretary.

K. O. T. M.

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[illegible] BACKUS, R. K.

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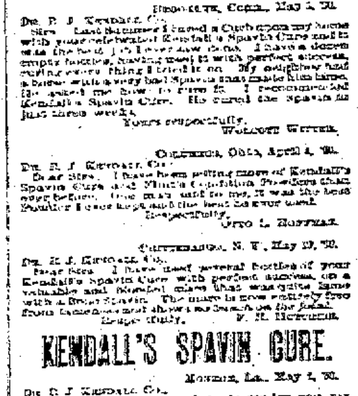

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CHAPTER I.

LOVE'S YOUNG DREAM.

"Bully! You'll go then!" interrupted the irrepressible Boomerang.

"Come along, old boy! I've fixed it at last."

Thus cried Lieut. Tom Jones, U. S. A., bounding into my room in his usual hop-skip-and-jump style, and causing thereby a deep gash in both the chins reflected in the cracked shaving glass of my bachelor lodgings.

"I rather think you have," I responded, half savagely, as I mopped my bleeding feature with a piece of blotting paper—"I rather think you have; but what in the world have you fixed, besides my chin?"

"Oh, bother your bleeding! Just listen: I've borrowed the major's gray and the surgeon's 'Jalap,' done Uncle Bob out of his double sleigh, and we'll drive over to Shadynook and spend Christmas. Hurrah!" And Lieut. Tom Jones, U. S. Boomerangs, spun round my room as if he had just been promoted to the first corps of the "Black Crook." I looked at him until he regained a pose on the back of my armchair, with his feet on the cushion. Then I said gravely—the tone was meant to convey the most crushing sarcasm:

"Sheer's Jalap and the major's gray?"

"Certainly—why not?"

"Why not? Because, firstly, the gray never was in traces in his life; secondly, because the sorrel never would go in double harness, you know."

"Yes, I know. But, then, they're both old enough to begin; so come, old fellow, pack your traps. I'll give the ponies a whirl down the road to keep 'em quiet and use 'em to the bells. Hurry; I'll be back before you say 'Jack Robinson!'"

I stared at my friend to see if he was really in earnest before I replied:

"Tom Jones, do I look like a lunatic? Have you any reason to justify believing me a fit subject for the padded room? My dear boy," I added gently, "my neck is far too valuable to my country to risk breaking it for the sake of breaking old Slier's sorrel and your uncle's sleigh."

"Why, they're at the door now—just look at 'em," responded the lieutenant, walking to the window. "They're as quiet as a pair of lambs. The sorrel has only one leg over the pole, and the sergeant and my orderly can hold the gray's head nearly still! Come! throw some things into a valise and be ready by the time I get back."

I threw myself on the sofa and stretched out my comfortable slippers to the sea coal fire by way of reply.

"Can't do it, Tom. I'm too valuable a member of society to think of suicide at present."

"Nonsense! We'll have no end of a jolly time at Belton's—raise the neighborhood—skate on the pond—make floods of eggnogg—shock the old 'un—and have a glorious german to wind up."

I shook my head.

"Can't do it, T. Jones. Even did I want to ruin my life insurance people I've engagements at home I cannot break," and I looked very important as I dwelt on this announcement. "You see, I lead the choir for their Christmas practice to-night; I've been pledged, for a month for my Christmas dinner at the mayor's, and I—ahem—I skate Miss Bettie on the pond this after"——

"Oh, what a head I have!" Tom broke in. "Didn't I mention that? Uncle Bob says Bet's to go with us, and she says you must be sure to come. And mind, you are to tell him the horses are dog quiet. Bet swears he'd never believe me."

Miss Bettie was going!

Before that young lieutenant had half finished his sentence I was at the window gazing at those horses with an interest no quadrupeds ever possessed for me before. The sorrel had fallen in his effort to get his leg back over the pole, the grimly old sergeant was sitting composedly on his head, blowing huge clouds from his pipe, while the orderly unbuckled the traces. The gray amused himself meanwhile by snapping viciously at the boy who held him, and with every snap he made a vain lunge with his heels at the orderly's fatigue cap, the latter dodging beautifully as ever did a practiced sparrer before a big bruiser. The view was not encouraging. They certainly were hardly the pair to risk a young lady's—or my own—neck with, even though Tom was famous throughout his corps as a perfect Rarey.

"By George!" I half soliloquized, "I don't think she'd be safe behind those devils."

"Tush! With me driving? Only the bells tease them a little for the moment. One turn down the road and I'll bring them back like a pair of sheep."

"But I hardly think"——

"And I certainly know. Come! Bet's crazy to go, and says she depends on you to persuade Uncle Bob the horses are quiet."

"Miss Bettie does?" I hesitated. There was a lump in my throat and a singing in my ears; I was devoutly afraid of the mad beasts myself, but then she wanted to go, so I added: "Well, perhaps after all they may be a little quieter soon. And, Tom, you do—ah—really think them safe?"

"Certainly I do, and Bet does, too. She's not a bit afraid." That decided me.

"Tom Jones"—I spoke with deep solemnity. I knew that moment what they felt who saw the tumbril ready to bear them to the hungry knife of the first revolution—"Tom Jones, I will go, of course. But, Tom, pray do not use that horrid abbreviation of your cousin's name. There are some subjects too sacred for the profanation of slangy condensation, and your cousin's name is"——

"Bully! You'll go then!" interrupted the irrepressible Boomerang. "I'll wheel 'em round the block and bring 'em in cool, you—Bet."

He bounded down the stairs, sprang into the sleigh, seized the reins, and, as the men jumped from the horses' heads, was off with a flurry of snow and a hurrah from the crowd.

I am not a dab at the classics, so I will not say how, having plunged like Curtius into this gaping sleigh ride, I now sat like Marius, amid the ruins of my wardrobe. But I did tumble all its contents into the middle of the floor and then sat among them, hopeless of cramming into my small valise half enough for this all important Xmas visit! But she wanted to go! I was to risk my neck for her sake—by her side. Delicious thought! So just as the bells again jingled at the door I jumped upon my distended portmanteau, sprung the lock, and answered Tom with a yell as wild as his own.

Now, perhaps I should explain that Tom Jones and I had always been chums. Residents of the same village and children of intimate friends, we had thumbed the same algebra, robbed the same orchards and been flogged by the same pedagogue. In fact, we had never been two weeks apart until his appointment to West Point, five years before, had separated us. Tom's persevering industry in running bounds to "Cozzens," and his assiduous course of "Benny Havens," had scarcely been thoroughly rewarded, for his graduation—third in his class counting from the bottom—made him a brevet second lieutenant in the United States Boomerangs. It had found me a dignified but patient lawyer in the incipient metropolis of Piketon. Happy chance had thrown Tom at the arsenal near by, and had introduced his chosen friend to the family circle of his Uncle Blythe.

There I soon became ami de maison. Mayor Blythe—he was the revered chief magistrate of Piketon—was a brother lawyer, and a man of high social and literary renown. He had a capitally chosen library, a warm heart, a celebrated cook and a rare assortment of such wines! And then—hem!—like Jephthah of old, he had "one fair daughter and no more."

But such a daughter!

Bettie Blythe was just turned of 19, and the most perfect mold of female form divine. Of medium height, just plump enough for perfection of rounded outline, and with the tiniest models of feet and hands that ever fell to the lot of woman, her face was still her chiefest charm. Not regularly beautiful, with scarce a feature in it that would have been pronounced fine under critical analysis, there was yet an indescribable witchery in that face, or in the character reflected by it, that bound me hand and foot from the first week I knew her. Those rich, dark oval lines, with heavy bands of glossy hair, seemed to command, rather than ask, a second look. And who could look twice and forget?

> There was a merry devil in her eye—

large, languid and black as sloe—that drew a timid man's heart right up into his throat and kept it kicking there with forty-horse power. And then the face was but an index of the sprightly but sound and well stored mind her father had sedulously cultivated during a long widowerhood. And the steady, tender gleam that sometimes replaced the mischievous twinkle in those eyes could only have been drawn from the well spring of a pure heart.

With the first month of our acquaintance I began to believe I cared for Bettie Blythe; with the second I believed I loved her, and with the third I knew it for a certainty. On the fourth month I had told her I adored her wildly; and for three subsequent ones had come, again and again, to the very threshold of a repetition. Gentle and womanly, she had at first told me gravely—the rest of the face demure, while the eyes danced a very witches' dance to the tune of suppressed merriment—that, though we were very excellent friends, we were still almost strangers. I could only acknowledge the truth of what she said, so I prayed for forgiveness and for hope. She gave the pardon, the pardon gave the hope, and I wandered on in a fool's paradise. But though we became better and better friends, though she let me meander unchecked through the most extensive fields of rhapsody and lay the tallest flowers of sentiment at her feet, yet the first outright word I spoke carried up the taper forefinger in arch warning, and the ripe lips formed the one word, "Remember!"

I could not believe Bettie Blythe was flirting with me. There was something too genuine, too womanly, about her whole being for that.

She could never stoop, I said to myself for comfort, to a little triumph in the misery of the heart she knew to be hers in all honesty and ardor. No! Either she was trying to make a real "friend" of me, or—delicious ideal—she was beginning to love me without admitting it to herself. I was willing to take the chances of the first so long as I saw a possibility of the second. And besides, either gave me so much of her delightful society.

Though no spoken word ever passed between us on the subject there was yet that "mute converse of kindred souls," and Tom Jones apparently sympathized with me most completely. Bettie and he were fast friends, and Mayor Blythe permitted her to go anywhere under protection of "Cousin Tom," in whom he placed unbounded confidence. During the burning days of that August many a charming picnic had we in the grand old woods about Piketon; in the mellow evenings of autumn many a never to be forgotten sail on the little mirror of a lake. And what teas were those on the old veranda, with the soft breeze sighing through the vines in sympathy with the beatings of my heart, and the light just undecided enough for me to imagine any expression in her face that best suited my ardent longings! Later, when the early snows began to fall, how merry were those sleigh rides in the mayor's sober family sleigh, drawn by the sober family horse, Tom always acting Jehu! And when the icier breath of winter blew over the little lake, sheeting it with a surface glassy smooth, I had tenderly strapped the tiny skate thong round that ravishingly turned ankle—had held the taper fingers in mine as we glided in swift circles over its cold bosom. As I have said, Tom was always with us on these jaunts; but we were a partie carree and mindful of the philosophy as to what constitutes "company" and what a "crowd."

Anna Belton was ever Tom's companion. A quiet, fair haired, sensitive mouse of a blonde, she was the direct antipode in all things of her sworn ally, Bettie, under whose fostering protection she would nestle confidingly as though no harm could reach her there.

She was sole heiress and sole companion at her splendid residence, "Shadynook," of a very deaf but Argus eyed grandaunt. Unmated herself for the full allotment of the human span, the senior Miss Belton had small confidence in the taste or honor of the sterner sex. She jealously watched the every movement of her niece, religiously believing that each man who set his eye upon her fragile form used it but as a medium through which to cast unholy glances at the estate—some ten miles back of Piketon—whose opponent she was. But the home of the spinster had no great charms for her heiress unless brightened by the presence of her stronger friend and ally; so, when Bettie could not be spared from her household gods, it was great comfort to quiet little Anna to sit under these also, and to stay there meekly so long as Bettie could alternately cajole or coerce the deaf spinster into permitting. But that ancient and unwinking Cerberus had carefully reconnoitered the surroundings of the mayoralty. She had long since concluded that I was the property of the lady of the house, and Tom, being only a piece of live furniture, like the cat, was not to be counted. So little Anna's last visit had been allowed to run into months. She could skate well, for all her fragility, and her taste and touch in music were both delicate but decided. So, after all, we made her useful, though I felt compunctious twinges when I reflected how heavy on hand she must be to poor Tom; for, besides all other reasons, it was an understood thing among us that Miss Belton was engaged. If not formally contracted to him she was so far committed to a certain Mr. Goldwin as to make that consummation a mere matter of time. Not a very enticing person was Mr. Goldwin, 60 in years and money grub in nature, but—as the senior Miss Belton was wont to say grimly—if not a brilliant man, he was at least a safe one. Twenty thousand a year was his allotment of this world's goods, and the very soul of the spinster swelled within her when she reflected what that would do for "Shadynook."

Yielding in all things, the white mouse appeared to accept her fate in this with perfect composure, but she shrunk with peculiar sensitiveness from any allusion to it by one of us. So, of course, none was ever made; but I—and I was sure Tom as well—looked upon her as one of the least interesting of the victims to the Moloch of convenance. Hence I fully appreciated the unselfish friendship that caused him to become a martyr to her stupidity, that I might be left tete-a-tete with his glorious cousin. One night when our bachelor pipes—or punch—had been stronger than usual I said words to that effect. Tom's rejoinder was characteristic. He thrust his tongue into his cheek, shut one eye very slowly, and nicking my glass with his said, "Here's good luck, and bad 'cess to old Goldwin!"

Verily, we need never leave our own circle for evidences of the mysteries of Nature's complex mechanism, and what very odd errors we make in our estimate of them sometimes!

At length its heiress had been imperatively called back to "Shadynook." The unmated Argus would have her return for its Xmas dismalness; and when that spinster foot was once put down there it stayed. Exacting the promise of a speedy visit from Bettie, before Xmas if possible, and indulging in many mysterious whispers and a perfect fusillade of kisses that set me on pins and needles of envy, the white-mousey one wept herself into her sleigh and faded out into the snowy avenue.

Tom and I, as members of Bettie's personal staff, had, of course, been included in the invitation to "Shadynook," but no time was decided in our council, and weeks rolled by with no definite plans about it. Happy weeks they were to me—full of sunshine, with only such flecks of shadow as made me enjoy the more. I basked in the smiles of the only woman I had ever really cared for, and, whether they were all for me or not, I was inanely happy,

> For there's nothing half so sweet in life
> As Love's young dream.

CHAPTER II.

OVER THE SNOW.

Holiday week had set in heavy and threatening. It had opened with a promise of snow, and had closed with its verification so fast and furious that by Christmas eve the whole country for miles around Piketon was wrapped in one spotless and unbroken mantle. The sleighing was perfect. Never in the memory of that much quoted oldest authority in Piketon had it been so good. Our metropolis was alive with excitement—like the classic city of Stoke-Pogis, it was "agitated to its center." The sudden furor for sleighing, added to the inevitable buzz of holiday preparation, drove the usually quiet population into a fever of action. Every available sleigh, however old, was rooted from its hiding place; horses accustomed only to the plow and the market wagon pricked up their ears to the unwonted hi-g' lang! of excited drivers, and even crockery crates and dry goods boxes were put upon extemporized runners.

All Piketon, swathed in furs or blankets, was bundled into something that would slide; the road to the "Bull's Eye"—the sedate drovers' tavern five miles out—was resonant with the merry music of their bells and the rollicking laughter of their occupants, while its primitive bar room and sanded parlor were alike crowded from nipping morn to frosty eve.

And how delicious is a sleigh ride when all surroundings are propitious! Who that has ever wintered in a snow country but has a store of ready recollections that spring up at the first sound of the bells? Be he a serious, well rounded bachelor of 50 their lively jar shakes the cumulate dust from still crevices of memory, and long slumbering reminiscences, unrolling themselves like marmots in the spring, crawl out to bask in the sunlight of that long ago. Perhaps they find the gleam but a deceptive one now, and, after blinking at the present for a while, creep back again and curl themselves up for a longer nap.

Twice I essayed to look around at the couple behind me.

No acrid and hopeless spinster walking regretfully on the shadowy side of maidenhood but straightens her back, drops her shoulders and smoothes out her wrinkles as the music of the bells plays variations on a half forgotten theme of cozy sleigh and comfortable wrappers, all winding up with a crashing crescendo of hot oysters and merry reel.

And to those young hearts, susceptible to frolic as to sentiment and throbbing for ever changing excitement, what a delicious bound it sends!

> Oh, the bells, sleighing bells,
> What a world of merriment their melody foretells.

Yes, sleighing is glorious. 'Tis the next best thing to flying to sit in the light, strong cutter and glide over the smooth surface without noise or jar, seeming scarce to touch it. Your glossy black, catching the lively inspiration of his bells, shakes his head in huge frolic, stretches out afresh and spurns the snow in lighter wreaths from his ever quickening heels. Now for a brush! See that yellow jumper just ahead. Hu-y-a-ah! and the reins tighten, the clean head goes straighter out, the snow wreaths fly higher still behind the strong hoofs. We are off! We close the gap—the yellow sleigh gains once more—a length, two! Once more we close and fly along neck and neck! How the bells peal and shriek! How the horses race now as if for their own honor! How the clear, keen wind whistles past the fur tipped ears, exhilarating like huge bumpers of champagne, as we fly along side by side for three hundred yards! Just ahead looms a huge "pung" loaded down and creeping over the snow. Now is the time; now or never! Straighten back, brace knee! Down comes the lithe lash over the black's flanks, and what a spurt we have! The brown mare strains every muscle; her driver lays flat back on the ribbons—now he plies his whip like mad! He laps us again; for a hundred yards you could cover them both with a blanket! Once more we forge a length ahead. We near the pung—we gain a length—two. Hu-ya-a-ah! and the brown is in the air! We feel her hot breath on our necks; we just graze the pung, fearfully close, and wind in just before her! Oh, that was glorious!

And if anything can add to the fun it is to have a particular somebody tucked in beside one, with a pair of bright eyes that dance to the merry music of the rich laugh, with a tiny hand that rests, in pretty fright, on the tense arm that guides the black a thought too near the scrapers of the yellow sleigh. And it is a problem of easy solution—given, a neat cutter and a fast horse, to find any unknown quantity of tender femininity alongside.

But haven't I forgotten my story?

I had just sprung the lock of my valise and wiped from my brow the drops that haste brought there even that bitter day, when Jones' tally-ho rang through the frosty street. Giving a final caress to the mouche on the wounded chin reflected by my parting glance at the mirror, I rushed down with my baggage. Tom sat with the reins twisted round his heavy gauntlets, beaming and triumphant, and his mustache one solid cake of ice. The horses stood stock still, covered with rapidly freezing foam, and blowing out volumes of mist that formed in delicate frostwork around their nostrils.

"What did I tell you? Look at the kittens," was the driver's salute; and as if to corroborate it, the gray mare made a terrific lunge forward, while "Jalap" stood straight up and pawed the air.

"So-ho! steady, boys!" and the lieutenant braced himself hard against the gray, while the flexible wrist brought the long lash over the sorrel's neck. "So, there! steady now. Bundle in quick now, old boy, while they are quiet."

In bumped my valise, a signal for the brutes to execute another war dance. Over the back seat I tumbled, and, as two pairs of heels threw a blinding shower of snow and icicles into my eyes and down my back, I went headforemost into the folds of the buffalo.

Before the conglomerate mass of valise and man was righted, we were off up the road in a full run, the sleigh jumping along like a football and Tom plying his whip like mad, keeping them at a full run while he yet had them well in hand.

"W-what do y-ou me-mean?" I gasped, bumping about the back seat in huge discomfort, as the biting wind, rushing down my throat with the force of a norther, nearly strangled me. "Wh-hy don't you st-opp-'m?"

"All right, my boy," Tom answered cheerily through his set teeth; and he braced every muscle afresh while the cruel lash descended on the flagging horses. "All right! you know I must bring 'em in quiet for Uncle Bob to see. So, lads, so-o-o! now steady!" One long sway of his broad back brought them down to a canter, then into a swinging trot, and turning into the mayor's lane, we drew up at the door.

"There! hold the ribbons! I won't be gone a second. Bet's ready, I know;" and, forcing the reins into my reluctant hands, Tom sprang out and disappeared in the doorway.

Now, after all my tirade about racing and sleighing and such stuff, one might reasonably suppose me a very Phaeton; or at least a Hiram Woodruff. But I was always strong in theories and—in confidence: that stuff was all talk—pure imagination. Practically, I never was the least bit horsey in my tastes, and always hated to drive unless I knew my beast to be perfectly harmless. In fact, I ever felt a tingle of brotherly sympathy for that bard of Cockaigne who sang:

> There's something in a horse
> That I can always honor, but never can indorse.

Neither was I ambitious of the fate of Phaeton; so, keeping one eye fixed on the gray's ears and the other on the sorrel's heels, I went hand over hand up the taut reins until I felt safe to straddle the front seat, and finally brace myself against the dasher. The gray still kept his head out and bore steadily on the bit, but the sorrel seemed to have had enough go in the late scamper and pulled dead against him. Congratulating myself that the doctor's horse acted as a counter irritant on the drawing propensities of his mate, I began to be less entirely miserable in my new position. I tucked the buffalo carefully round my legs, and by the time Miss Bettie's laugh rang out from the doorway, I actually plucked up spirit to turn one eye upon her. But the other was fixed on the gray's ears like the optic of the ancient mariner, even while I nodded with a dismal affectation of jollity. And Mayor Blythe was saying:

"And you're quite sure they are safe, are you?"

"Gentle as lambs, sir, as far as I know," Tom answered, simply. "But ask the man that handles 'em. He drove them from the stable." Had that young officer been studying the "Ready Liar, or Perjurer's Companion"?

"Why, you can see they are, papa, dear. I could drive them myself, couldn't I?" and Miss Bettie's eyes were turned on me.

When Tom had spoken, my inmost soul was torn with a burning desire to do my duty, to throw myself upon the mayor's breast and pour out my passionate belief that it was felony, wilful murder, suicide, to go! Now, had the reply jeopardized my immortal part for all eternity, I could not have answered that gurgling voice, thrilling through me like rich Burgundy, otherwise than by saying:

"Gentle as kittens, Miss Bettie; hardly fresh even, Mr. Blythe." And I chuckled with rueful hilarity. Then that infernal gray, as if in judgment, nearly took my shoulder out of the socket.

"I knew they were, papa, dear. He would never risk me with them else; and, you see, he is driving." I was drunken, besotted, wild with the haschish of that emphasized pronoun. Those wondrous eyes shot me a glance of thanks; the tiny hands clapped in glee, and closing on each side the gray whiskers, drew the old man's face down to the ripe lips. A clicking kiss, seemingly all around me in the sharp air, drove me perfectly drunk with envy. I was wild enough to seize the whip Tom had thrown carelessly on the back seat; but even in the madness of that supreme moment I had method enough left to keep it far back out of the gray's sight.

"How impatient he looks, tucked up in his driver's perch!" Tom said, airily, to his uncle. "If the horses were only half as much so we might have a lively ride."

I saw, out of the far corner of mine, Mr. Blythe's eyes travel rather hesitatingly over the tense muscles of the gray. Oh how my soul went out in wild yearning that he might insist on that beast being exchanged for his own easy going horse! But just then the perverse brute of a sorrel stood stock still and hid the off horse from his scrutiny. My hope went from out of me, and the blackness of despair settled down over me and that demon team.

"Well, well; you must be careful of your off horse"——

"Of course he will, papa. And now, good-by. Tom says we mustn't keep them standing longer in the cold."

In thumped Miss Bettie's bonnet box, and both horses answered the shock with a simultaneous thrill; but I braced my back, and, though my legs nearly went through the dasher, managed to keep that accursed gray still enough for Tom's officious leavetaking to hide it from his uncle.

"Oh yes, Uncle Bob, we'll be very careful and drive very slowly. Go on; old fellow; don't wait a second for me." And lifting Miss Bettie to her seat, Tom bounded over the scrapers like a cat. "Go on! Why in the devil's name don't you?" he whispered to me, pretending to arrange the robes. Then he called his uncle's attention to the new furs, and dug his elbow into my back.

Don't wait a second for me!

Ye gods! Did the insane wretch mean me to drive in reality? Was I to guide that chained thunderbolt and that kicking demon before me? Yes; Tom Jones evidently meant that. He had gone suddenly mad, beyond a doubt; but I was in for it, and what man dared I must. I took a long breath, let the whip fall well back out of the gray's sight, and, bracing my every muscle firmly, uttered the mystic monosyllable, "G'lang!"

It cut like a knife through the clear atmosphere, and the keen echo almost divided my tympana. The sorrel heard. He stretched himself, gathered and made a merry plunge forward; but that perverse brute of a gray only stuck his forelegs in the snow and sat down like a dog. Luckily, Miss Bettie managed to hold her father by such a string of prattle he noticed none of these circus like proceedings.

"Mind, papa! don't forget the flannel for old Mammy Watts; and be sure to send the pickles to Bowser; and have the presents on the Christmas tree, just as if I was at home—that's a dear papa. And, oh, be sure that Liza does the turkey to a turn for dinner to-morrow!"

"That was to have been your dinner," the old gentleman said, turning to me. "That pleasure I must defer to please this small puss with her whims."

The mayor seemed to me a great distance off. His words came to me through a sound in my ears like the boom of the sea, for that cursed gray still sat like a circus horse, and the sorrel pulled till his nose almost touched the snow.

"And, oh, papa!" cried Miss Bettie with a timely little scream of recollection, "now don't forget the red wrapper for old Patience—that's a dear!"

"Give that gray devil the whip," Jones growled to me in a savage whisper, rounded off with something very like an oath. "You'll have all the fat in the fire with such —— driving."

Give him the whip!

I thought before Tom Jones of the Boomerangs had gone crazy. Now I knew, like all maniacs, he believed me as stark, staring mad as he was.

"And, papa, dear, don't forget the brandy peaches for Dr. Lindsey—your present, remember," ran on that dear voice. Then it punctured through all my fear with the words, "Now do go on, please."

Whether the electric spark that thrilled through me at that whisper ran down the reins and magnetized the gray, I never knew. Somehow we were in the road, the dasher full of snow, and that devil's team going at a wild stroke that sent acute agony to the marrow of my every bone.

"Splendid! Perfect! Bravo!" shouted Tom from the back seat. "Your start was a picture; and that run into the drift and barking the pear tree don't count, as the bend hid them from Uncle Bob."

I thought madly I heard a gurgling sound of female laughter. I was wrong, though, for that second she said to me: "You do drive splendidly, indeed. And how good of you to rest Tom's arms! Poor Tom! why, how the reins have cut your hands!"

"My arm is stiff as a poker, Bet. Ah, baby, that's delicious!"

Had I been driving the horses of the Sun, with the pit of Acheron gaping before me, I must have turned at that exclamation. There was misery in my spine and torture in my legs, but I did turn a little. Tom had pulled off his gauntlet, and she—yes, she was chafing his purple, ugly hand between two bewitching fur gloves!

"See what a good cousin I am!" The black eyes danced before me, and once more the musical laugh trilled out beautiful and birdlike. With agony in my back and bitterness in my soul I tried to echo it, but the hollow mockery ended in a ghastly groan as the brutes gave an extra plunge that nearly carried me over the dasher.

The next twenty minutes were a nightmare. I hold in memory a vague jumble of blinding sunlight on the snow; a whirling rush of trees and houses on the hill sides; a racking and torment in back, knees and arms; a whizzing whoo of wind in my half frozen ears. Twice I essayed to look around at the couple behind me, but the commandante in "Don Juan" was not more rigid than those strained leathers held me, while the molten fire rushing down my spine refused to let me bend my neck. I felt my hands must soon come off—my elbows and shoulder blades pull clear from their sockets; but still I held on, madly, wildly, in a sort of dreadful trance, for those twenty minutes. Then remembrance vaguely paints a roadside inn; a collection of sleighs and men running into the road and waving their hands; then a crash, a cutter flying wildly aside and a man in a somersault. Last came a grinding jar, and I awoke from my nightmare, half lying between Tom and his cousin on the back seat, the horses neck deep in a snow drift and rough coated men running for their heads.

"Splendid, by jingo!" yelled Tom to me as, hastily extricating himself from the buffalo, he ran to a man floundering in the road. "You're not hurt, I hope? I'm deuced sorry for the foul, but young horses—hard mouths—couldn't help it. Beasts all right, I see. Come in and have something to drink."

I drew a long, deep, gasping breath. I tried to spring, but could only crawl, over the scraper, and helped Miss Bettie into the road. We were at the "Bull's Eye" tavern, five good miles from Piketon!

"Awkward fellow that," I said very cheerily, all things considered. I [illegible] hugely elated at being once more on terra firma, notwithstanding the [illegible] proclivities displayed by my legs for [illegible]ting up like jackknives. "And I [illegible] scarcely resist pulling on the little [illegible] hand in mine, as though Miss [illegible] were the gray. "Awkward fellow [illegible]gular he couldn't take care of his [illegible] when he saw me coming. But some people never will learn to drive."

"Never!" meekly responded the [illegible] lady; but the eyes that met mine for a single second literally played in [illegible] of luminous merriment. What [illegible] she mean?

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SUCCESSFUL POULTRY RAISING.

Sensible and Plain Suggestions from a Practical Poultry Grower.

In a paper read before a Massachusetts farmers' club Mr. A. C. [illegible], of Lancaster, Mass., recently made a number of useful suggestions, among them the following:

Don't make poultry a side issue if you want to succeed. Many of the most successful poultry raisers are women, they having the patience and tact and intelligent application necessary. Start with small numbers and study the [illegible], [illegible] the poultry papers and magazines and learn what others are doing and how they are doing it.

A house for 100 fowls should be 50 feet long by 12 wide, divided into [illegible] pens, and on each end of the house an open shed 25 feet long by 12 wide. The ground should be gravelly to avoid dampness; there should be six inches of clean, sandy gravel in the house, and a foot of dry leaves in the shed. A gravelly, well drained soil is best for a poultry house, as dampness causes sickness. A southeast exposure is best.

Barred Plymouth Rocks I place at the head of the list of breeds which are hardy, prolific layers, good setters and mothers, etc. White Plymouth Rocks are a good breed, though less hardy than the Barred. The Wyandottes are the strongest rivals of the Rocks, and are an excellent breed for a farmer to keep.

Select for breeding stock the best birds in the flock and put them in pens separate from the others; twelve females to a male I have found to be the best. Give the breeding stock wide range and the eggs will be more fertile, and will hatch stronger, more vigorous chicks. The nearer we get to nature's methods the stronger the germ and the better start for the chick. With poor eggs the germ is poorly nourished and the chicks come forth weak and spindling. Use the same kind of house for sitting as for laying, and then the conditions will be such as the fowls are familiar with, and there will be less liability of the birds deserting their nests. April pullets ought to begin laying in October, and should be removed to their winter quarters before the cold nights come on. Early chicks can be raised at a cost of about twenty-five cents for food and sold for about a dollar, which gives seventy-five cents for profit.

Crimson Clover.

Crimson clover closely resembles common red clover in appearance, except in the shape and color of the blossom; the color is a bright crimson. Crimson clover differs from red clover in that it is an annual. A correspondent in Rural New Yorker, writing from Delaware, says that in that state crimson clover is largely grown for the purpose of plowing under in the spring as a green manure. He says: "Several farmers in Kent county last season were so well pleased with it that they seeded large areas of their peach orchards and cornfields with it for the purpose of filling their silos with the green fodder. It is greedily eaten by all kinds of stock. If cut and cured before it is too mature it makes an excellent quality of hay."

Professor Beal, of the Michigan Agricultural college, after repeated trials of crimson clover on a small scale, thinks it of no value for Michigan. Professor Gulley is of the same opinion for Mississippi. Mr. D. S. Hicks has raised it in Brunswick county, Va., and has confidence that it will prove valuable as far north as New York. It is not hardy in Michigan, according to Dr. Beal.

Government Lands.

In his annual report of the operation of his bureau for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, the commissioner of the general land office says that an agricultural domain of nearly 19,000,000 acres has during the year been transferred to enterprising and industrious settlers by patents issued to them, while the areas patented to the states under the swamp grant and to corporations under special grants have been great, although somewhat reduced as compared with previous years. The class of patents known as "agricultural" includes all patents issued on final and commuted homestead entries, on pre-emption, timber culture, desert, private cash, town site and other entries, embracing land of an agricultural, non-mineral character. The number of such agricultural patents issued during the period covered by the report was 117,247, embracing 18,750,980 acres, as against 70,141 issued in 1889, with an aggregate area of 11,390,540 acres. The increase for the year is, therefore, 47,106 patents and 7,336,900 acres of land.

Winter Feeding of Stock.

In many cases during the winter feeding consists in throwing a few ears of corn into the boxes and filling the manger with hay. To cattle some corn and fodder are given and the hogs are limited almost entirely to corn. Where stock is wintered in this way, says a Missouri farmer, it costs more and they will not keep in as good condition as when a good variety is supplied. With many this keeping on feeding one thing as long as it lasts and then changing to something else is the result of habit. On a majority of farms a good variety can just as easily be produced if proper care is taken and forethought is exercised, and stock of all kinds will thrive much better for it. It is not advisable to keep growing or breeding stock fat, but it is very essential to keep them in a thrifty and improving condition. It is furthermore equally important to secure this condition at the least cost, and this can usually be done best by feeding a variety.

Commercial Fertilizer vs. Manure.

In a recent bulletin from the Ohio station Director Thorne says: "On this farm, where by thorough drainage and tillage we have been able this year to produce an average of thirty bushels of wheat per acre without any fertilizer, no combination of commercial fertilizers has produced sufficient increase of crop to pay the cost of the fertilizer, although barn yard manure has paid more than three times the cost of its application."

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[illegible] very pertinent [illegible] the people of the [illegible] President not a [illegible] of the govern[illegible] Executive [illegible] a public ser[illegible] predecessors was [illegible] stewardship [illegible] his political [illegible] inform, rather [illegible] in the [illegible] personal promotion [illegible] would acquire the [illegible] and the art of writ[illegible] Benjamin Harrison.

[illegible] unscrupulous shop [illegible] advantage of the [illegible] Thomas [illegible] Thurston of [illegible] Let me [illegible] which embodies a [illegible] principle. A [illegible] into a drug store [illegible] "One [illegible] "But I [illegible] New York for [illegible] he astonish[illegible] now, sir,' replied the [illegible] I read the [illegible] I found that the [illegible] place any duty [illegible]"

"THE INIQUITY OF THE McKINLEY BILL."

Our friend of the *Democrat* characterizes the tariff law enacted by this Congress as quoted in the above head, and the question arises, what grounds has he for so denouncing it? No protectionist will for one moment deny that the aim of the McKinley bill is to protect the manufacturing and agricultural interests of this country against those of foreign countries. So far as the writer of this is concerned he favors a tariff so high on foreign manufactured articles and agricultural products which can be successfully manufactured and produced in this country as would effectually bar the importation of like goods and products from the old country. He would admit free of duty all articles which can neither be manufactured or grown in this country and no others. There is neither reason or sense in the American people buying goods of foreigners which can be manufactured at home for the simple reason that it impoverishes this country while it enriches foreign countries. A few facts will make clear this assertion.

In 1867 and for three years thereafter the cost of Bessemer steel rails exceeded $100 a ton. In that year there was produced in this entire country 2,277 tons while we imported 145,[illegible] tons. In 1871 we manufactured 34,[illegible] tons of steel and iron rails but in the same year we imported 505,[illegible] tons which was the largest amount of rails for railroad building ever received from foreign ports in any one year. In 1867 we paid foreigners $166 a ton for steel rails. In 1872 a tariff of $28 per ton was placed on Bessemer steel rails and a Democratic howl went up all over the land because the robber tariff was adding $28 to the cost of every ton of steel rail which was being used in the construction of railroads throughout the country. But the putting of this tax on for protection started the building of steel rail mills in different States, and within four years those great industries were turning out rails enough to supply all the demands of the country. In 1876 our mills made 385,[illegible] tons and not a ton was imported. Our manufacturers sold their rails that year for $59.25 per ton, over $100 less than we paid foreigners nine years before. In 1880, '81 and '82 there was a big boom in railroad building all through this country and our rail mills could not supply the demand, consequently the importations were considerable, being in 1881 222,736 tons. The same year our mills made 1,187,770 tons and steel rails were sold that year for $61.13 per ton. In 1885 our mills manufactured about a million tons which supplied the needs of the country, as the entire importations only amounted to 2,[illegible] tons; the ruling price for steel rails that year was $28.50 per ton. Last year we made 1,510,057 tons of steel rails and imported only 6,202 tons, the price being $29.25 per ton. From 1883 to the present time the tariff on steel rails has been $17 per ton.

To-day the Bessemer steel rail industry is one of the most important in this country. Thousands of men have permanent employment in those mills at good wages and every agriculturist within a radius of fifty miles of one of them has a splendid market right at his home for the sale of every product of his farm. Then again the utter fallacy of the argument that the tariff is a tax is forcibly shown in the history of this industry. For the past three years the price of rails has not averaged to exceed $30.25 per ton. Deduct $17 from that amount and it leaves $13.25. Is there an idiot in the country who will assert that steel rails can be manufactured for any such sum even by the paupers of Europe?

We shall resume this subject further when we have more time and space than we have this week.

STAND BY YOUR GUNS.

A Washington telegram brings the pleasing information that the pronunciamento by the Farmers Alliance against the Federal election bill seems to have inspired the Republicans in Congress with "renewed zeal and a determination to send the bill to the President at least before the 1st of January." That is right. If any Republican permits himself to be influenced by the attitude of the Farmers Alliance or any other organization or individual, on the Lodge or elections bill, he is untrue to himself, to his constituents, and to the great party which formulated the platform on which he won his right to a seat in Congress. The Republican party owes it to the country to secure, if possible, to every voter in every section and corner of it, the privilege of a free ballot and a fair count of the ballots when cast. So long as there is any considerable portion of the country in which this privilege is not enjoyed, as in the Southern States at present, the Republican party has a duty to perform, not alone because it has pledged itself to that work, but because of being the party of right and justice, the task devolves on it of remedying all abuses from which the people suffer.

The Republican party does not trim its sails to every passing breeze. In this regard it is in marked contrast to the Democratic party. In its desire to achieve success the Democratic party seeks to be all things to all men, thus forfeiting the confidence and earning the contempt of many. True Republicans may be expected to stand by the Lodge bill, and that measure will in due season become the law of the land. It may not long remain on the statute books. The Fifty-second Congress may make its repeal one of its first cares. But that does not relieve the Republican party from the duty of passing it, and the odium of its repeal will not fall upon that party. Having done its duty fearlessly and conscientiously, the Republican party can afford to trust the result to the great Arbiter of all questions, secure in the belief that time will bring its justification in the future, as it has always done in the past. — *Call.*

A RARE DEMONSTRATION.

The Omaha *Bee* calls attention to the power of various Southern States to elect members of Congress with a small fraction of the number of votes required for the same purpose in the West. The following table shows the vote cast in the congressional districts of Mississippi on November 4:

First district	[illegible]
Second district	[illegible]
Third district	[illegible]
Fourth district	[illegible]
Fifth district	[illegible]
Sixth district	[illegible]
Seventh district	[illegible]

On the same day the vote in three districts of Nebraska was as follows:

First district	[illegible]
Second district	[illegible]
Third district	[illegible]

In other words, 61,830 voters in Mississippi can elect seven members of Congress, while in Nebraska it takes 203,147 voters to elect three members.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

HARRISBURG, Dec. 8th.—At last the country at large has stopped looking for the cause of the recent political cyclone that swept over the United States and we are confronted with the usual "effects" following a Democratic victory. The signal of last November's election is found in the distrust shown in the money centers of the country and in the generally unsettled condition of the markets in business marts. This is not a new story. The history of the United States is only repeating itself. Under Republican rule the business of the country was and is always considered safe, when a reverse comes and Democracy by some unexplainable upheaval is restored to power at once distrust takes the place of confidence, values are at once unsettled and uncertainty in all business centers is so manifest that business ventures are undertaken with extreme caution. It needs no lengthy discussion to set these facts before the intelligent reader. The student of the politics of this country can see in the present distrust manifested in business, only the history of the land again repeated after a Democratic victory such as was gained last November. And the question is often asked now, when will the present depression end? The New York *World* a few days ago, said it viewed the present condition of business with much alarm and feared the effects of the distrust everywhere shown in the future outlook. Thus far our banking institutions alone have suffered, but it is only a question of a short time before the commercial community will be effected and by many persons it is feared that the worst has not yet come to pass. In talking with some of our local merchants a few days ago they said the unsatisfactory outlook for business was far from reassuring. A prominent business man of wealth in this city, in discussing the situation last week said there would always be trouble in business circles when an impractical uncertain secret disturbing element was thrown into a contest especially when such element was ignorant of the needs of the country at large and was dominated altogether by selfish or revengeful motives. He explained by saying that he referred to the mushroom growth of the Farmers Alliance, and further said he looked with much distrust on the mischief this secret oath bound Alliance could bring on the United States.

The country throughout its entire length is watching with much interest the proceedings of the Farmers National Alliance now in session in Ocala, Florida. The proceedings of this convention are of course secret but enough is already known to give the true inwardness of this new movement and the conclusion is that the gathering is only a tail to the Democratic kite. In the deliberations all subjects that are undemocratic (that is not a part of some Democratic party platform) are carefully and promptly rejected in the discussions. Primarily ballot reform and a secret vote with every vote cast to be counted as cast, is advocated, but it must not include black suffrage in the South. If an honest vote and fair count includes the black vote of the South the Alliance is opposed to it. If the 14th and 15th Amendments to the National Constitution are endorsed the Alliance is against it. In short, the Farmers Alliance of the South is but the last final attempt to keep the South solid and its formation now is only for the purpose of perpetuating Democracy in Dixey. This is the dutch. The present power [illegible] Farmers Alliance. It will be short lived, however. In the end the cry will come as it did from the [illegible] Macedonian [illegible] come over and help us."

The past political history of the United States [illegible] The future historian will repeat it. Republican rule means business confidence, prosperity and progress. Democratic rule means business distrust and depression and manufacturing and mercantile idleness.

The present business outlook is gloomy, it is true, but we must remember it is always darkest just before daylight and also that every dark cloud has its silvery lining and while extracting what little of comfort there may be in the immediate present, we can look hopefully to the near future for the complete restoration of confidence and the re-installing into power of the grand old Republican party. It is bound to come.

The remaining session of the 51st Congress, which began its final and short session December 1st, has great possibilities before it. The Republican party should take no backward step, but boldly enact into law all the wholesome legislation now on the calendars. Indications are very promising for a continuation of the good wholesome legislation of the present Republican Congress.

It will be fun when the 52d Congress meets and there is no doubt that the country will speak in no uncertain voice when the 53d Congress shall be elected. Two years of the rule as will be given us by the incoming Congress, I mean the lower house, if we can judge by the threats already made, will demonstrate to the country the complete unreliability of Democracy and the road to power of the Republican party in 1892 is assured already.

The past several days a number of the newly elected members of the Pennsylvania Legislature have made visits to Harrisburg to select their seats for the session. But little could be gathered from these visitors as to the organization of the next House. The Speakership is undecided. Chief Clerk Morrison, of Allegheny, has no organized opposition for re-election. Charley Voorhees claims strength enough to insure his re-election as Resident Clerk. Harry Huhn of Philadelphia, claims the Reading Clerkship. Mr Baker, of Mercer county is an applicant for re-election to this his last session's position, but it is said that Harry Hall, who was defeated for re-election to the House last fall, is opposed to him and the reason given for this opposition is that Mr Baker was not favorable to Hall's re-election to the House.

There is no doubt that Senator J. Don Cameron will succeed himself as Senator from Pennsylvania. Among the Republicans I met I did not find any who were opposed to him—in fact there was but one selection and that was for Senator Cameron.

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INGALLS AND CLEVELAND.

Senator Vest is quoted as saying that he is very sorry ex-President Cleveland wrote the letter he did to his friend Acres in Kansas. It will, he said, probably re-elect Mr Ingalls to the Senate. It will enable him to pose as a martyr, and affords the Kansas senator an opportunity that he will be glad to embrace. Ingalls will answer Mr. Cleveland's letter, but it will not be by letter. He will probably answer it from his place in the Senate, and if he does, he will, figuratively speaking, skin Mr. Cleveland alive. In the same connection a friend of Senator Ingalls predicts that he will make a speech before the close of the coming session that will be pronounced by the whole country a great effort.

"On the Force bill?" was asked.

"No" was the reply.

"Silver?"

"No."

"Sub-Treasury scheme?"

"No."

"Then what?"

"The interesting subject will be Grover Cleveland. I know Ingalls better than any one in this neck of woods, and I predict that he will roast Cleveland on account of the latter's letter to Nelson F. Acres. It will be a great opportunity for Ingalls, and he will make the best of it. I simply pity Cleveland, that's all. He will be fairly incinerated." — *Washington Special to Cincinnati Enquirer (Dem.)*

FROM THE NATION'S CAPITOL

From our own correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Congress is taking to heart the suggestion made by the President in his message, and some progress in the direction pointed out has already been made. The House last Wednesday passed the International Copyright Bill, which the President had commended and which the literary fraternity on this as well as on the other side of the water have been struggling after for many years. If the bill becomes a law it will mean the suppression of the cheap pirated American reprints of English and other foreign works, and the disappearance of most of our lowpriced pamphlet publications but it will also give the author the profit on his works, that he is unquestionably entitled to, and it will put us on better terms with the English literary world, whose works we now appropriate without making any returns.

The Senate went promptly to work on the Federal Election Bill, and has devoted most of its time since to its consideration. when a vote will be reached however is still a matter of uncertainty. The Democratic Senators held a caucus, and the policy they formulated is to obstruct and delay the passage of the bill by prolix debate and finally burden it down with amendments that will weaken it. The Republican Senators also held a caucus, which developed the very significant fact that the Senators who were counted on by the opposition as being opposed to the spirit of the Election bill are not antagonistic to it in theory but are averse merely to the policy of jeopardizing other measures by forcing it. The Democratic prophets were at fault this time for the feeling in favor of the bill has never been so earnest, notwithstanding the recent elections.

A resolution has passed both Houses directing the Secretary of War to issue arms to the States of North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska, in view of the threatened Sioux outbreak.

Congressman Frank of Missouri has introduced an Apportionment bill in the House, which is framed on a basis of 356 Representatives. Pennsylvania by his plan will gain two Members and no State will lose any representatives. It is interesting though not necessarily of much significance to consider the bearing of this proposed legislation on the complexion of the next electoral college which will stand 269 Republicans and 175 Democrats if every State should go as it did in 1888. If Indiana and New York go Democratic however the result would be reversed although New York will be no longer pivoted.

The Pension appropriation bill, which passed the House last Friday, contained a short but effective clause which is of some interest to old soldiers namely prohibiting the payment of any fee to attorneys in increase pension cases for increased disability, except $2 to an agent residing within the same State. This is a stealthy attack on pensioners, proceeding from a Democratic Member from Missouri, who has never voted for any measure to benefit the soldier and who takes advantage of an opportunity offered by a recent order of the Secretary of the Interior designed to discourage the employment of attorneys. The ostensible purpose of the amendment is to benefit the pensioner by forbidding him to employ an attorney, and doubtless those behind the movement will endeavor to get some political capital out of it but the hidden object is to discourage the filing and allowance of pension claims. The promoter of this demagogue scheme undervalues the sagacity of the old soldier if they think he does not realize the advantage of employing a competent attorney to represent him, and thus securing an earlier allowance and higher rating than would otherwise be possible, since justice is not freely bestowed, but has to be forcibly wrenched from the Pension Office official.

The Secretary of the Treasury has given the opinion that maple syrup is not covered by the free sugar clause of the tariff law so that it still remains dutiable. It will be of value to maple-sugar makers to bear in mind that they are entitled to a bounty of two cents a pound, if their product is 500 pounds. This provision is not in effect now however but those desiring information should apply to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue before next June, for instructions.

There is a general desire to remedy the unintentional omission of the tobacco rebate clause of the tariff law, and the subject will doubtless come up very soon, as the rebate was to take effect on the 1st of January.

While potatoes are retailing in the city markets at $1.40 a bushel, apples at $1.60, butter at 32 cents a pound and upward, eggs at 35 cents a dozen and so on, and, on the other hand, granulated sugar selling at six and a half cents a pound, alarm clocks at 70 cents, trousers made to order for $3, and almost every other article used on the farm correspondingly low, it may pertinently be suggested that the farmer has no reason to complain of the operation of the tariff.

THE Chicago *Inter Ocean* declares the tin ore of the Black Hills to be richer by fourteen times in pure metal than that of Europe, and predicts that two years hence American made tin ware will be selling at half the present cost of imported goods.

LITERARY NOTES.

OLD FASHION HARVESTING

(*General Bidwell in the December Century.*)

Harvesting, with the rude implements, was a scene. Imagine three or four hundred wild Indians in a grain field armed, some with sickles, some with pieces of hoop iron roughly fashioned into sickles, but many having only their hands with which to gather by small handfuls the dry and brittle grain, and as their hands would soon become sore, they resorted to dry willow sticks, which were split to afford a sharper edge with which to sever the straw. But the wildest part was the threshing. The harvest of weeks, sometimes of a month, was piled up in the straw in the form of a huge mound in the middle of a high, strong, round corral, then three or four hundred wild horses were turned into thresh it, the Indians whooping to make them run faster. Suddenly they would dash in before the band at full speed, when the motion became reversed, with the effect of plowing up the trampled straw to the very bottom. In an hour the grain would be thoroughly threshed and the dry straw broken almost into chaff. In this manner I have seen two thousand bushels of wheat threshed in a single hour. Next came the winnowing, which would often take another month. It could only be done when the wind was blowing, by throwing high into the air shovelfuls of grain, straw, and chaff, the lighter materials being wafted to one side, while the grain, comparatively clean, would descend and form a heap by itself. In this manner all the grain in California was cleaned. At that day no such thing as a fanning mill had ever been brought to this coast.

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The world renowned success of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and their continued popularity for over a third of a century as a stomachic, is scarcely more wonderful than the welcome that greets the annual appearance of Hostetter's Almanac. This valuable medical treatise is published by The Hostetter Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., under their own immediate supervision, employing 60 hands in that department. They are running about 11 months in the year on this work and the issue of same for 1891 will be more than ten millions, printed in the English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish languages. Refer to a copy of it for valuable and interesting reading concerning health and numerous testimonials as to the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, amusement, varied information, astronomical calculations and chronological items, &c., which can be depended on for correctness. The Almanac for 1891 can be obtained free of cost, from druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the country.

Estray.

CAME TO MY PREMISES ABOUT FIVE weeks ago, a yearling heifer. The owner can have the animal by proving property and paying charges. JOHN [illegible]

Kasson, [illegible] Dec [illegible] 1890.

Strayed

FROM the premises of the subscriber at Kasson early in July last, a light roan heifer three years old the coming spring. She is heavy bodied with short legs. Any information leading to her whereabouts left at this office or to me at Kasson, will be reasonably rewarded.

F. A. [illegible]

Kasson, Dec 8th 1890.

Notice.

ESTATE of Maliciah Rhodes. In the Orphans Court of Indiana county, Pennsylvania. In the matter of the petition of Barbara Fitch [illegible] for Letters of Administration upon the estate of Maliciah Rhodes, who has been absent and unheard of for a period of more than seven years. Notice is hereby given that at a hearing [illegible] on Friday the fifth day of December A. D. 1890 said Court did decree that the legal presumption of the death of the said Maliciah Rhodes was made out, and said Maliciah Rhodes if he be actually alive, or any other person knowing him to be alive is hereby [illegible] to produce to said Court, evidence of such fact on or before the 14th day of March A. D. 1891.

J. A. WAKEFIELD,
[illegible] Grant St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
JOHN L. GETTY, Indiana, Pa.
Attorneys for Petitioners.

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We have won trade laurels in former seasons, we shall win again this. The store is large, the stocks are greater and more varied and from basement to roof one feels the enthusiasm of success. Department chiefs have planned and worked to give you better satisfaction than you've yet known, and all the resources of this immense establishment are placed at your service.

We ask that you shop early. There's always an advantage to first choice, and goods can be held subject to your order at any time. Distant customers can shop by mail, and be sure of getting promptly whatever is ordered.

Our aim is all of this—to make each holiday display outshine its predecessors. Strange if the present collection were any exception to the rule, or we other than in the lead.

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Patent Rockers in Plush	8.00 to 15.00
Sideboards, all woods	12.00 to 18.00
Book Cases, all woods	5.00 to 18.00
Bedroom Suites	17.50 to 200.00
Rattan Rockers	2.50 to 12.00
[illegible]	5.00 to 9.00
Pier Glasses	15.00 to 35.00
Hanging Cabinets	5.00 to 13.00
Shaving Stands	12.00 to 30.00
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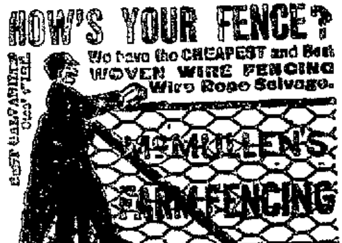

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S. A. HOGANSEN.

Mt Jewett, Pa., Dec. 1, 1890.—3t.

Notice.

AND NOW, NOVEMBER 19, 1890, IT IS ordered that the second week of the regular June term of the several courts of McKean county, be and the same is hereby abolished, so that hereafter, until further order, the regular June term of said courts shall consist of one week, commencing on the first Monday of June of each and every year.

PER CURIAM.

Attest: J. H. McELROY, Prothonotary. 1-a-m-3m.

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A good chance to secure a paying situation for the dull winter months. Each salesman furnished with a complete outfit illustrating and describing New Fruits, &c., that sell readily. Salary and expenses from start. Write for terms.

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A complete and varied assortment of goods are now presented to the public for their consideration, adapted to the holiday trade. Never has such a stock been exhibited in this city. New and unique designs for the Parlor, Cabinet, Mantel and Dining Room.

Rich and Rare Vases
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In Black Wrought Iron Brass, Silver and Royal Copper, and all equipped with the famous Rochester Burner. London and Paris Lamp Shades in Satin and Lace.

Solid Silver and Gold Ware
in all designs for the table and boudoir. The largest selection of Cut Glass ever shown.

Imported French China,
Royal Worcester, Doulton, Dresden and many other makes.

Dolls and Toys for the Children.

White Haviland China for Decorating.

Watches, Diamonds and Jewelry,
Opera Glasses, Eye Glasses and Spectacles, Lots of new things.

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The Finest Goods OUR SPECIALTY.

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How gratifying to hear the people say as they enter the door of

M'COYS DRUG STORE,

Odd Fellow's Hall Block,

"Why, what a splendid stock of

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surely old Santa Claus can be supplied with

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CARPETS!

The largest and best assortment of carpets ever seen in this section of country is now offered for sale at the Furniture and Carpet Store in Smethport. A. Reilly, the manager, has just returned from Philadelphia, the great carpet manufacturing centre of the United States, where he has made this selection. Mr. Reilly's experience in the wool and carpet business for over twenty years gives him an experience that few, if any, in the county possess. The goods were bought direct from the manufacturers and the cash discount saved which enables us, with store rent free, insurance less than one per cent., not only to compete with surrounding cities but to sell our goods from five to ten per cent. less than the same goods are sold in some carpet houses in the cities.

Our stock of carpets includes Moquets, Velvet, Body and Tapestry Brussels, Three-Ply Ingrain All Wool, Two-Ply Ingrain, all wool, Two-Ply Ingrain, Cotton Chain; also a fine quality Rag Carpet, Oil Cloths and Rugs of all sizes and prices. It will pay people wanting carpets to come many miles to see and examine our stock before purchasing.

SMETHPORT FURNITURE AND CARPET CO.

A. REILLY, Manager.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Court week.

It will be unlawful to hunt deer after to-morrow.

See George Hicks' holiday advertisement in this issue.

The season of whist and progressive euchre parties is with us.

Frank R. Foster has a holiday advertisement in this week's MINER.

The star of Bethlehem can now be seen any evening after eight o'clock.

There are now 41 inmates in the S[illegible] Memorial Home at Brookville.

[illegible] now has a Young Men's [illegible]tion and a Business Men's Association.

The [illegible] are working night and day and of course are reaping a rich harvest.

The new time table of the B. R. & P. R'y will be found on the fourth page of the MINER.

D. C. Young gives you some pointers on the much discussed tariff. Read his ad this week.

Messrs. Stickney, Bell & Co., have a very artistic announcement this week which will repay a careful perusal.

The Williamsport police have received instructions to arrest all persons using profane language on the streets.

Persons in want of fine wines and liquors for family use should consult the advertisement of N. R. Collins & Co., in another column.

A gold locket was found by Fred [illegible] last Saturday. The owner can have the same by calling on Mrs. Pattie and proving property.

An exchange says that if marriage is a lottery, the postmaster general should stop the transmission through the mails of wedding invitations.

A nice pair of slippers is always an acceptable Christmas present. G. A. [illegible] & Son of Bradford has a fine new advertisement.

The second of the course of lecture-sermons will be preached in the Baptist church on Sunday evening next. Subject, "The Childhood of Jesus."

Have you bought that Christmas present yet? If not, scan the advertising columns of the MINER and ascertain just where you can make the best selection.

The vote of Methodist churches throughout the United States, so far as heard from, seems to be adverse to the admitting of women to the general conference.

Some people seem born with an inherent instinct to devote their lives to everybody's business except their own. They are the prime causes of trouble the world through.

Pennsylvania produces one-half of all the coal mined in the United States. There are 300,000 men employed in the business, and of these 192,000 are employed in this State.

The sleighing is being used for all there is in it. Every team that could be secured is engaged in hauling logs, and the amount being put in at the mills is simply enormous.

Our livery stables did a land office business last Sunday. Everybody that could do so took advantage of the sleighing and the merry jingling of bells was heard on all sides.

A company with $50,000 capital has been formed for the purpose of supplying Coudersport with gas. Three thousand acres of gas producing territory has been purchased in Sharon township.

There is as large and as elegant a stock of holiday goods on exhibition in this town as can be seen in many larger places. It is not necessary nor just to patronize foreign trade for your Xmas [illegible].

As a result of an advertisement in the MINER, Mr. A. B. Armstrong, the druggist, received an order from San Francisco, Cal., for two bottles of Prof. Miles' heart and nerve remedies. It certainly pays to advertise in the MINER.

[illegible] new church is well under way and it is expected will be ready for occupancy about the first of January. The work is in charge of A. O. [illegible] of Kane, who is deserving of much credit for the manner in which it is being done.

—If a man or person goes regularly to church on Sunday, accompanied by a hymn book, and makes lengthy prayers in the synagogue, it does not follow that he is sprouting wings. By their every day deeds shall ye know them.—*Sinclairville Commercial.*

—Port Allegany is well represented at court this week, a large number of pupils of the graded school as well as others being brought here by the suit against the principal for the alleged brutally whipping of one of the boys. The grand jury returned not a true bill.

—The Wyoming *Democrat* says the 321 pensioners in that county get annually a total of about $31,000, and it complains that this is too much of a tax upon the people. Wonder where the editor of that paper was during the battles. His remarks would indicate that he was not in the South.

—The lumber districts in the vicinity of Smethport are all ablaze, with evidences of prosperity since the blessed fall of snow. Within the radius of five miles of the county seat there are 25,000,000 feet of logs being cut. Five hundred teams and nearly twice the number of men are hauling out the valuable timber.—*Star.*

—The Olean *Times* of Saturday last announces that P. C. Foley has admitted to partnership in his marble business his brothers Martin and John P. Foley, both thoroughly experienced and practical men and the firm name will hereafter be Foley Brothers. The business will be greatly enlarged, and new appliances are added among which are hydraulic polishing and drilling machines.

Mr. John M. Fate, the newly-elected Democratic member of the Board of Commissioners of McKean county, is a native of this county, being a brother of Mr. William W. Fate, of this borough. He has been superintendent of the Buffalo Coal Company's business at Clermont, McKean county, since 1882. He is also a prominent Odd Fellow.—*Wellsborough Agitator.*

—Mrs. Martha, relict of the late C. S. Wright, died at the residence of her brother C. C. Wright at Coleville, on Saturday last. The remains were interred in Rose Hill Cemetery on Monday. We regret that we have not the data for a fitting obituary notice. Mrs. Wright had been an invalid caused by a paralytic stroke, brought on by the sudden death of her son, for upwards of twenty years, during which time she had borne her suffering with christian fortitude. She was a woman universally loved and [illegible]

—It is said that Mansfield, Tioga Co., pays $6,000 a year for the support of its five churches. This being correct makes about $4 each for every man, woman and child in the place.

—Last week the Kane *Leader* reached us in an enlarged form—one column added to each page and columns lengthened two inches. The paper is now about the size of the MINER, and its advertising columns give evidence of thrift. Under Miss Ada Malone's management the *Leader* has made rapid strides until it now occupies a leading position among the newspapers of this section of the State.

—The man who likes his toddy is destined to have a hard time in this world, if the signs of the times are worth anything. In Missouri he must stand up to drink, while in Massachusetts he must sit down. In Kansas he must swear that he is afflicted with glanders or pink eye, and in Iowa he must commit perjury and endanger his soul, while in Nebraska it is a penitentiary offense to treat one's neighbor.—*Boston Post.*

—In the year 1891 there will be two eclipses of the sun and two of the moon, besides a transit of Mercury across the sun's disk. A total eclipse of the moon will occur May 23d invisible here. An annular eclipse of the sun will take place June 6th visible in the western portion of the United States. There will be a total eclipse of the moon November 15th which will be visible beginning at 5 to p. m. The transit of Mercury will occur on May 9th and will be visible in the western part of the United States.

—With so much talk about shorter hours for the working men, wouldn't it be a good idea if some of the brilliant intellects of this country were as anxious to find some way to shorten the day for the working mother? A strong man may think he has labored only eight hours, and doubtless he has, but his hard-worked wife, the mother of his children often works nearly eighteen. A little more sympathy for the mother of the family with less for the father if there isn't enough for both seems quite pertinent.—*Ex.*

—Wm. Heineman, an old and at one time prominent resident of this county, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Chris. Herzog in this borough on Wednesday morning Dec. 10 aged 77 years. Mr. Heineman was born in Germany and came to this country in 1841. He had been a resident of Norwich township until about four years ago at which time he was stricken with paralysis, and shortly after took up his residence with his daughter. The funeral services will be held to-day. The remains will be taken to Colegrove for interment.

—The battle of Gettysburg, as described by Capt. James F. Long at the opera house, on Friday and Saturday evenings of last week were most instructive and pleasing entertainments, and were deserving of far better attendance than were accorded them. The battle was illustrated by Prof. Ziegler by means of the oxy-hydrogen light and consisted of 300 of the finest and most life-like views ever seen in this place, a description of which would be almost impossible, they must be seen to be appreciated. If it had been a minstrel show or an Uncle Tom's Cabin troupe the house would have been crowded.

—Mrs. Sheldon Jewett died very suddenly at Custer City Sunday noon of inflammation of the brain. She was apparently in perfect health Saturday morning, but towards noon, complained of feeling badly and a physician was called. She grew rapidly worse and soon developed alarming symptoms that resulted in death within 23 hours of the first attack. Mrs. Jewett was about 47 years of age and a husband and two daughters survive her. She was held in the highest esteem and her sudden demise was a shock to the entire community. Mr. Jewett and his accomplished daughters has the sympathy of all in their unexpected bereavement of an excellent wife and mother.—*Era.*

—It is said that the fumes of kerosene when a lamp is turned down are liable to cause diphtheria. The New York Board of Health a few years ago decided that to it is, more than any other cause, the prevalence of this disease was to be attributed. This is given as accounting for the fact that diphtheria generally begins to spread with the advent of short days and long nights. Children dislike to go to bed in the dark and the mother turns down the flame in the lamp so that the light shall not keep the child awake. Many bedrooms are thus dimly lighted all night and the windows being closed or raised but slightly the atmospheric condition of the room is simply deadly. A turned down kerosene lamp is a magazine of deadly gas that the healthiest lungs cannot be exposed to with impunity.

—Dr. Wm. H. Clarke, a well known medical authority, writes a warning against the inordinate use of quinine. He says: Any one who knows the pathogenetic ability of quinine, or rather, its ability to cause symptoms or perturbations in the well or nearly well persons, especially brain and nerve symptoms, cannot deny that it possesses the power to produce a condition nearly allied to insanity, if indeed, it practically fails to fall short of insanity. In large doses it is a depressant instead of a stimulant, contrary to the popular belief, and it is the most popular and universal every day amateur remedy. Everybody seems to take it, and for any and every ailment. It is reasonably easy of proof that many insanities, suicides and murders can be traced directly to the ill advised use of quinine.

—The musical festival, fair and dance of the Smethport band was successfully inaugurated at the opera house, on Monday evening with a grand concert, there being a large attendance. The hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers and presented a very handsome appearance. Of the concert nothing can be said but in praise. The singing was of a high order of excellence, the solo by Miss Edith Shoemaker, the female quartette and the trio being very fine. The features of the entertainment, however, were the clarionet solo by Prof. C. S. Mills and the euphonium solo by N. H. Knapp, the latter being one of the best we ever heard. Mr. Knapp is a soloist of recognized ability and we cannot see how his performance could be bettered. The closing number, "Miserere" from the opera of Il Trovatore, by the band, Mrs. J. W. Reilly and H. L. McCoy, soloists, and a chorus of ten young ladies, was a very pleasing performance. The fair and dance is now in progress and will be continued to-night and to-morrow night.

List of Letters

Remaining in the postoffice at Smethport, Pa., for the week ending Dec. 6.

Depp, Ed. R. McElroy, Dan.

Persons calling for these letters, please say advertised and give date.

E. M. KEENE, P. M.

Whiskeys.

50c to $2.00 per (full) quart bottles sent securely packed by express. N. R. Collins & Co., Bradford, Pa.

PERSONAL MENTION.

We would deem it a favor if those having friends visiting in this place would notify us by postal, or by leaving a notice at this office.

Attorney P. R. Cotter is in attendance at court.

B. F. Greenman, of Eldred, was in town Wednesday.

M. T. Shortz, of Port Allegany, was in town this week.

Z. Wilson, of Duke Centre, was about town this week.

M. J. Brenner, of Olean, was in town on Saturday last.

W. H. Ebling of Bradford, was about town last Saturday.

M. Rosenfeld and wife visited Bradford on Sunday last.

T. L. McKean of Wilcox was in Smethport Tuesday.

Seth Lewis of Ulysses, Potter county was in town Wednesday.

C. A. Williams, of Sawyer City, was about town Wednesday.

F. A. Astley of Kendall was at the county seat Wednesday.

Mrs. J. D. Nash visited friends in Crawford county last week.

Hon. W. F. Burdick of Duke Centre, was in attendance at court this week.

Attorney O. L. Snyder, of Buffalo, was in attendance at court this week.

A. J. Bond formerly of this place but now of Bradford, was in town Tuesday.

D. Crawford of Grand Rapids, Mich., was at the Grand Central Saturday last.

Commissioner-elect F. D. Sumner, of Annin township was in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Bush, are the happy parents of a ten pound boy baby.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dailey, and R. E. Camp, of Port Allegany were in town Wednesday.

City Clerk Lindley of Bradford was in town on Wednesday and took in the band boys dance.

H. F. Barbour of the Bradford *Star*, accompanied by his son Ward, was about town on Monday.

A. B. Richmond, one of Meadville's prominent attorneys, was in attendance at court this week.

W. F. Duke, F. W. Sprague and L. J. Lilly of Duke Centre registered at the Wright House Monday.

Messrs A. N. and M. A. Lillibridge, of Port Allegany were pleasant callers at the MINER office Tuesday.

W. C. Dean of Jamestown N. Y., and F. W. Beattie of Dallas City were at the Wright House Tuesday.

Attorneys S. W. Smith, M. J. Colcord and W. I. Lillibridge, of Port Allegany, had business at court this week.

A. B. Barnum, S. D. Weaver, F. K. Washburn and A. A. Stull, were among the Bradford [illegible] at court this week.

Mrs. S. K. Swing of East Smethport, started last Tuesday for Nashville, Tenn. where she expects to spend the winter.

Edward Coleman and Miss Flora Baker of Port Allegany were the guests of Miss Octavia Hamer on Sunday last.

Mrs. J. W. Reilly is in the city this week buying millinery and fancy goods. Look out for an elegant display of Christmas goods.

Thomas Tracy, Carl Bell and Misses Lulu Keenan and Mary Mullin took advantage of the fine sleighing of Sunday last to visit Bradford.

The many friends of L. O. Chadwick, in this borough will be pained to learn that he is lying seriously ill with typhoid fever at his home in Bradford.

Among the Bradford attorneys in attendance at court this week we notice, R. [illegible] Stone, Eugene Mullin, J. Mullin, [illegible] and W. Hastings.

[illegible] Andrews, Jno. P. Zane, [illegible] Flynn and in fact a quorum of Bradford's Commissioners were witnesses in the celebrated libel suit of Cable vs Weaver in Court this week.

Miss Ella Smith, daughter of Casper Smith, Esq., of Farmer's Valley has recently accepted a position as teacher of Penmanship and Drawing in the Normal School at Lock Haven. Miss Smith graduated at the school and is a lady of superior attainments.

Annual Election of Officers.

SMETHPORT HOSE.

At the regular monthly meeting of Smethport Hose Company No. 1 held at the company's headquarters, on Friday night last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—J. H. Fever
Vice President—Warley Gifford.
Foreman—F. W. Rumsey
First Ass't. Foreman—N. W. Eamer
Second Ass't. Foreman—Geo. E. Brownell.
Secretary—Ralph Ford.
Treasurer—M. C. Armstrong
Trustees—Frank Kerns, Samuel Fry, John Rooney

THE W. R. C.

at their regular meeting, on Thursday last, elected the following officers:

President—Helen S. Morrison.
Senior Vice President—Alvina Thamm.
Junior Vice President—Mrs. Burlingame.
Treasurer—Mrs Emma Sprague.
Chaplain—Mrs. Kerns.
Conductor—Mrs. Rose Palren.
Guard—Adel Grigsby
Delegate to Department Convention—Miss Clara Hoffman

G. A. R.

The following officers were elected at the regular meeting of McKean Post No. 347, G. A. R. on Thursday evening of last week:

Commander—T. A. Morrison
Senior Vice Commander—H. L. Burlingame
Junior Vice Commander—J. H. Bowers.
Chaplain—T. W. Chandler
Quarter Master—Emil Thamm
Surgeon—W. H. Curtis.
Officer of the Day—S. G. Dosh.
Officer of the Guard—Wm. Grigsby
Orderly Sergeant—Michael Dunn.
Representatives to Department Encampment—R. F. Wright and L. Rogers.
Alternates—H. L. Burlingame and C. S. Sanford.

The newly elected officers will be installed at an open meeting of the Post and Corps 23 on Thursday evening Jan'y 1, 1891.

From the *Auger* we learn that J. H. Mullen Post, No. 2[illegible], of Duke Centre held their annual election Monday evening and the following officers were elected:

Commander—J. S. Brown.
Senior Vice Commander—W. H. Randall.
Junior Vice Commander—E. H. Crook.
Quartermaster—T. H. Lawry
Officer of the Day—W. F. Russell.
Chaplain—S. D. Puckett.
Surgeon—A. W. Loop
Officer of the Guard—Philip Legal.
Representative to Department Encampment—F. T. McKeoy
Alternate Representative—E. E. Crook.

M'KEAN LODGE, F. & A. M.,

at the regular meeting, held on Wednesday evening elected the following officers, a dispensation having been granted for that purpose:

W. M.—William F. Specht.
S. W.—Craig Chadwick.
J. W.—Geo. E. Brownell.
Sec'y—C. M. Smith.
Treasurer—J. A. Holder
Trustees—R. F. Wright, F. W. Brownell.
Rep. to Grand Lodge—W. F. Eckles.

The installation, followed by a banquet, will occur next Wednesday evening.

Whiskeys.

50c to $2.00 per (full) quart bottles sent securely packed by express. N. R. Collins & Co., Bradford, Pa.

"Your babes" will always be good if you give them Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup while teething. It is a reliable and sure remedy and costs 25 cents.

McKEAN QUARTER SESSIONS.

A Number of Important Cases Receive Attention—Findings of the Grand Jury.

Criminal court convened on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Hon. T. A. Morrison on the bench. The attendance was very large, the court room being well filled. After the list of grand jurors had been called, Attorney Eugene Mullin, asked to question some of the jurors whom it was believed had been tampered with. The request was granted, but nothing was elicited to confirm the suspicion. Judge Morrison then delivered his charge, which was a very impressive one. P. L. Webster was sworn as foreman, and the jury retired.

The returns of the constables of the county were then filed.

The grand jury returned the following bills:

Commonwealth vs. Charles Jones, indicted for breaking and entering a store with intent to commit felony. J. C. Brech prosecutor. A true bill.

Commonwealth vs. Hiram Eckwith indicted; first count larceny, second count receiving stolen goods. J. W. Hickok prosecutor. A true bill.

Commonwealth vs. J. H. Houghton nol pros. on payment of cost.

Commonwealth vs. F. B. Hazelton nol. pros. on payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. A. C. Cummings nol pros. on payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. Frank Hogan and John Kelly nol. pros. on payment of costs.

A number of motions were argued before His Honor.

The following cases were disposed of:

The case of the Commonwealth vs. Albert Yearta charged with embezzlement by Dreous & Newall, was nol pros'd.

Commonwealth vs. Hiram Eckwith was the first case called. The defendant is charged with stealing a coat from J. W. Hickok, for whom he worked.

Teachers Association.

The Principals met at Kendall Creek on Saturday last. The Association was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by Chairman A. C. Anderson of Smethport. The opening exercises were conducted by the Rev. J. H. Stoody of Kendall.

The first paper of the morning was read by F. F. Driscoll, of Dallas City, subject, Self Government. J. L. Hampson of Rixford gave some excellent ideas on "The Teachers Study." A letter from County Supt. Eckles, expressing regret for non attendance was read.

At this point Miss Carrie Wiggins recited "The Actors Story" in a very feeling manner. An excellent paper entitled "The Recitation" was read by F. E. Schermerhorn of Red Rock. Prof. Marsh being called for, gave some additional points on the same topic. Messrs. Driscoll and Hampson also discussed the question at some length. A very fine solo, "Loves Golden Dream" was sung by Miss Edith Norton.

Here the meeting was adjourned for dinner at the Hose House where the ladies of the W. C. T. U. had provided a bountiful repast of turkey and every toothsome viands that could be procured, to which the teachers did ample justice.

The afternoon session was opened by Miss Norton who sang "Loves Old Sweet Song" in a full sweet voice. In behalf of the people of Kendall W. J. Milliken, Esq. delivered an address of welcome full of earnest, eloquent enthusiasm. W. J. Dickson of Duke Centre, discussed in a very able manner, "The Principal and Patrons." Mr. Cooper raised some objections which were sustained by Prof. Marsh. Mrs. Stewart responded to the call for her with a few very sincere and heart felt words. Miss Stratton's recitation turned the drift of discussion and was highly appreciated.

Rev. Stoody presented the subject of proper text books setting forth the effects of narcotics upon the human system. He would discard Smiths and recommended The Pathfinders Series of Physiologies or Electric Series. Miss O'Brien talked very interestingly about Practical Psychology. The last subject "Discipline" was handled by W. L. Cooper the silver tongued orator of Derrick City in his usual able manner.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved—That we, the principals of the Graded schools of McKean county in convention assembled extend to the W. C. T. U. of Kendall our sincere thanks and testimony of our high appreciation of their kind hospitality in providing the teachers with refreshments and giving them a hearty reception as co-workers in the great cause of education.

On motion of Mr. Schermerhorn the meeting adjourned.

Smethport School

The following is from the report of the Smethport graded School for the month ending December 2, 1890.

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

Present Every Day During the Month

Nellie Anson
Rose Grumbine
*Orra King
Alice McCoy
Tavia Hamer
*Hattie Shoemaker
*Minnie Taylor
*Hattie Walter
Jennie Gallup
*George Baker
*Roy Gifford
Fred McElroy
Charley Richards
*George Sprague
Fannie Conelley
*Bessie Rumsey
*Lulu Keenan
Mamie Morrison
Bessie Shook
Ross Sprague
Addie Walters
*Katie Phelan
Ada Carter
*Ben Crandall
Guy Mayo
Harold Morrison
*Willie Shoemaker
*Ray Sprague

Ross Knapp.

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT

100 in Deportment

Nettie Hamlin
Josie Holder
Alice O'Brien
Ida Warshalsky

ATTENDANCE.

*Edna Brennan
Iona Robinson
*Carrie Servatius
*Hattie Taylor
Minnie Voorhies
Sheridan Gorton
*Helen Holder
*Josie Holder
*Nellie Fuller
Grace McCoy
Helen McCoy
*Nellie Hamer
Willie Fuller
Glenn Chase
Herbert Bard
John Carlson
Mazie Hanley
Willie Digel

Allie Mayo

Average Class Standing Above 90.

Nellie Hamer
Carrie Servatius
Helen Holder
Josie Holder
Minnie Voorhies
Nettie Hamlin
Helen McCoy
Hattie Peirce
Lucy Wright
Edna Brennan,

CARRIE G. SMITH Teacher

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

Pupils Not Absent During Month.

*Roscoe Bard
Lottie Bard
*Martha Brennan
*Jennie Diver
Mamie Barrett
*Curtis Corwin
*Gaylord Chandler
*Frances Campbell
Victor Digel
*Will H. Gallup
Rena Gallup
*Oliver Irons
*Andy Johnson
*Claude Lefever
*Harry Locke
Charles McCoy
*Charles Hamer
Maggie McCarthy
Nora O'Brien
Craig Rose
Rachel Rubin
Alice Thamm
Edith Thomas
*Ray Walters

Lou Young

Average Class Standing 90 or Above.

Roscoe Bard
Martha Brennan
Frances Campbell
Charles Dunbar
Helen Forrest
Maggie McCarthy

Ray Walters.

100 in Deportment.

Jennie Delver
Ethel Gifford
Charles Irons
Helen Forrest
Craig Rose
Rachel Rubin

Lou Young.

LEE A. KNAPP Teacher

SECOND PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Deportment 100

Alice Bennett
Eddie Carlson
Pearl Digel
Myron Leefe
Jennie McAboo
Mabel Thomas

Class Average Above 90.

Alice Bennett
Bert Cory
Pearl Digel
Roy Grigsby
Jennie McAboo
Mabel Thomas

Alberto Sturdivant.

Attendance.

*Jennie Anglin
Martha Crannis
*Eddie Carlson
*Bert Cory
*Leo Digel
Leo Gorton
*Mabel Thomas
Mabel Locke
Grace Hamer
*Josie McCandless
*Bertie Metzger
*Emmet Quinlish
*Roy Marsh
*Anna Shook
*Alberta Sturdivant
Mary Belle Williams

*Pearl Dyre.

HATTIE A. FOOTE Teacher

FIRST PRIMARY

Attendance.

*Guy Carter
*Leroy Dewar
Bertie Hall
*George Lyon
Lee Roy Mayo
*Freddy Hamer
*Thomas O'Brien
*Frank Peirce
Ward Walters
*Ella Cory
Hattie Conley
*Phoebe DeShetler
*Grace Grubb
*Beulah Holder
Gertie Irons
Lelia Moore
*Emily McCandless
*Anna Servatius

Department 100

Anna Servatius
Ida Rubin
Lewis Carlson
Emily McCandless
Gertie Irons
Beulah Holder
Ranald Dewar
Beatrice Gifford
Ruth Forrest
Marion Kane
Rennie King
George Sayer
Harry Rubin
Emma Lundquist

MINNIE M. LUDDARD, Teacher.

* Not tardy during month.

We earnestly solicit the cooperation of the patrons of the school in securing regular attendance. Very respectfully,

A. C. ANDERSON, Principal.

AROUND THE COUNTY.

Interesting News From Various Localities As Related by Our Regular Correspondents.

PORT ALLEGANY.

Mrs. J. V. Otto is visiting friends at Gowanda, N. Y.

M. E. Hall, who has been quite ill, is slowly recovering.

A. J. Hughes passed a few days in New York State last week.

C. A. Baker of Buffalo was calling on friends in town last week.

Mr. George Rowley and wife, of Medina, N. Y., is visiting friends in town.

Mr. Chester Young of Farmers Valley spent the Sabbath with friends in town.

D. G. Bartle is clerking in Gallup's hardware store during the absence of the proprietor.

Chas. Dolley and Mat Barr are in Valparaiso, Ind. where they will attend college during the winter.

The snow of last week has made beautiful sleighing and our lumbermen are using it for all it is worth.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Davidson, Portage Creek attended the Baptist fair and supper on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. A. P. Ford returned from [illegible] on Wednesday last, where he was called by the death of his sister-in-law Mrs. [illegible].

A. J. Hughes has his new dwelling house on [illegible] street opposite the M. E. Church nearly completed. It will soon be occupied by C. A. Wilkinson.

Our gas consumers had a freeze out one night last week caused by some woodsmen felling a tree upon the line. Borrowing coal, wood and even oil stoves seemed to be the order of the day.

Mr. Martin Venne is running the tram road engine at [illegible] Creek for Mr. Zimmerman. Mr. Venne is a first class engineer and mechanic and we congratulate him on securing so good a position.

Mr. John Rice returned from Pittsburg Saturday afternoon last where he is engaged in putting in [illegible] for an iron works. Mr. Rice is one of the finest workmen in the country and is fast working up a reputation as such.

The Baptist fair and New England supper given by the ladies of that church in Garthwait Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week was well attended and netted the ladies about sixty dollars. Supper was served in New England and modern style the former table being served by parties dressed in ancient style while the modern table sported negro waiters in the person of Miss Lilly White, Miss Dinah [illegible] and Mr. Sam Johnson. The fancy articles on sale were very fine as was the candy stand but the most noticeable feature was the art gallery where many wonders both ancient and modern were exhibited. The receipts would have been much larger but for the inclemency of the weather.

[illegible] Creek, was in town Saturday [illegible] of Henry McLeod Post [illegible] the annual Department Encampment to be held at Altoona in February, 1891. The following officers were elected to serve the coming year:

Commander—[illegible] Ward
Senior Vice Commander—[illegible]
Junior Vice Commander—[illegible]
Officer of the Day—A. S. Ames
Quartermaster—R. H. Camp
Officer of the Guard—Jas. F. Rowe
Chaplain—J. H. Johnson
Surgeon—W. L. Freeland

The installation which will be held the 1st Saturday evening in January 1891 will be public and a cordial invitation is extended to all the Comrades of McKean Post No. 347, G. A. R.

KANE

Excellent Sleighing in Kane.

Kane liverymen are gathering in the shekels.

The boys and their girls were out in full force last Sunday evening.

N. M. Orr has returned from Fortress Monroe where he had gone on legal business.

The whiskey prescription bureau in Fraley street is one of the staple commodities in Kane.

W. B. Smith and daughter [illegible] returned to New York city after a week's sojourn in Philadelphia.

Our lumbermen are not making hay while the sun shines, but hauling logs while the snow lasts.

A number of our people are attending court this week as jurymen and other legal [illegible].

C. S. Gallahan has returned from his southern trip to Washington D. C., Norfolk and Southern Pines N. C.

Our Police have an eye on the [illegible] free and easy beer joint on Chase street and some one may be [illegible].

Swanson Brother & West have the finest cutters and turnouts in Kane or any other town of its size in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

F. W. Moore is still on the sick list, and must have a number of sympathisers as not unfrequently they are seen standing around his residence at night.

[illegible] the [illegible] in Kane had quite a picnic as the chief of police was attending court. It is an old saw that when the cat's away the mice will play.

The gambling joint is one of the intolerable nuisances in Kane. They have a regular rendezvous [illegible] the police. It pays better than painting and paper hanging at this season of the year.

There has been few as busy and rushing times as the present. Hundreds of teams are at work within a radius of a few miles of Kane. Hotels, boarding houses and lumber camps are crowded as they never were before.

Owing to the altitude at which turkeys are soaring in Kane your humble scribe may feast on a [illegible] piece on Christmas. Down where the [illegible] lost to the Heroes in time as poor [illegible] are always treated to that perquisite.

Kane has had a double wedding. On Monday at Bradford, Pa. Arthur Swilgin and Amelia [illegible] and [illegible] of Kane were married and four young hearts several of them scarcely fifteen beat as one. [illegible] a nickle for the serenaders.

On last Friday evening our hitherto quiet town was thrown into a fever of excitement by the report that there had been a suicide committed which proved to be true. Mrs. Mary Kelley wife of Thos. Kelley hung herself under very peculiar circumstances, she was of an eccentric turn of mind, and all day Friday she roamed around in the woods in her stocking feet. Her husband and several others had been watching and following her about seven o'clock p. m. her husband left her in charge of his little daughter aged 13 years and went for a doctor and before his return at 7 p. m. she had procured a piece of clothesline and hung herself in the barn. She left a husband and six children. She was the support of the family and highly respected by all who knew her. On Monday her remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery, followed by a large concourse of friends and sympathizing neighbors.

KENDALL CREEK.

Chas. N. Sherman made Warren a brief visit last week.

Mrs. Geo. Myers returned Thursday from a visit to Warren.

Albert Longfellow is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Chas. Cutler is entertaining her father Mr. Watson, of Buffalo.

Rev. J. H. Stoody spent a few days of last week at Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Nellie Brown who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever, is now recovering.

Mrs. John Denman has been quite ill for the past week or two, with an attack of the gripp.

Mrs. C. B. McKinley returned Saturday from a visit to relatives at Allentown N. Y.

Mrs. Wm. Heathcote and family of Ohio, are in town the guest of Mrs. Heathcote's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Nye.

Bruce Brandon who has been the guest of his aunt Mrs. C. B. McKinley, left Monday for his home at Prairie Depot, O.

Miss Laura Hartzel who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Crooks for the past three weeks, left Thursday for her home at Williamsport.

Rev. Pierce, of Great Valley occupied the pulpit in the M. E. Church Sunday morning. Mr. Pierce has traveled a great deal in Europe and Palestine and his sermon was very interesting.

The Equitable Aid Union will give a dance at the Opera House Thursday evening, Dec. 11. Jemison's orchestra will furnish the music. Supper will be served by the ladies in the rear of the hall. Tickets $1 00.

Rev. Parker, Sec'y of the Silver Lake Assembly will give his popular lecture "The Sacred Tabernacle" at the M. E. Church next Monday evening. A most instructive and entertaining lecture is in store for all who attend. Admission adults 20 cents, children 10 cents.

RIXFORD

Mr. Chas. Mapes, who has been quite ill, is convalescing.

Mr. L. Mitchell intends to move into his new house the present week.

Messrs. Newton and Johnson have purchased a number of wells of the Forest Oil Co.

A boiler house belonging to Messrs. Smiley & Donnelly, was destroyed by fire last week.

The little son of Mr. Edward McQuiston, of Bradford, is quite ill at the house of his grandfather, Mr. R. R. McQuiston.

The property of Mr. W. Mullin is offered for sale, it being the intention of that gentleman to make his home in the Ohio oil regions.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Shippey have returned from their extended wedding tour, and will make their home for the winter with the parents of Mr. Shippey at Bordell.

Dr. Huntington of Bradford, will deliver a lecture in the Methodist church on the evening of the 18th of this month. The proceeds are to be applied on the parsonage debt.

Although the price of oil is rather depressing to business, Mr. B. H. Love & Co., find no difficulty in disposing of their elegant stock of holiday goods.

The drama entitled "The Turn of the Tide," was presented on Saturday evening, Dec. 6th, by the pupils of the grammar school. The parts were well sustained, and the young people deserve much credit for the able manner in which they acquitted themselves. A handsome sum was raised which is to be used in the purchase of books for the school library.

There is some talk of the formation of a stock company, consisting of all producers of oil living between Summit ridge and Eldred, to refine their own oil. Dr. Christman of Eldred offers to give the site for the plant, and take five thousand dollars worth of stock in the company.

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Cap. Burlingame called on friends in Colegrove on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Hutchins of this place moved to McCombie's mills on Friday.

Joseph Kinney of Otsego, N. Y. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. Kinney of this place.

Miss Mamie Pattison, who has been attending school at Smethport, is spending a few days with her parents here.

The lumbermen of this place are putting in their logs as fast as possible.

Geo. Garlick visited the county seat on Monday.

Miss Alvira Foster spent Sunday with her parents at Custer City.

Mrs. Duane Pattison visited her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Spencer at Mt. Jewett on Wednesday.

MT. JEWETT.

Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Frankie, of Custer City, were visiting friends in Mt. Jewett, several days last week.

Mrs. Phillips, of Richmond, Pa., visited her son, A. G. Phillips, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Brennan, of Smethport, visited their daughter, Mrs. M. J. Gallup, on Thursday last.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Gallup, spent last Sunday with friends in Smethport.

Mrs. H. B. McCoy is visiting friends in Smethport, this week.

The parties who recently purchased Carr's feed store & gristmill will commence business this week.

Christmas will soon be here. Mt. Jewett Stores are well filled with holiday goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gallup and Mrs. Carley, of Glenn Hazel, attended the dance in Long's hall last Friday ev'ng.

Mr. M. Cummings an Erie R. R. man, has purchased a lot on London St., and will soon have lumber on the ground for a handsome new home.

Mt. Jewett oil field looks rather dull at present. Nearly all Companies have shut down drilling, and will not drill many wells until spring opens.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wynn, are visiting at Mr. J. Wynn's this week.

Mrs. Garbrant, of Mt. Alton, spent last Sunday with Mrs. A. G. Phillips.

Mrs. E. H. Willson lies very ill at her home on Main street.

Mr. Jas. Adair is able to be on the street, again after a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Mrs. A. G. Phillips spent last Monday in Bradford.

ELDRED.

M. H. Dean, who has been rig building near Sheffield, Pa. for some time past spent Sunday with his family at this place.

Mr. D. L. Robins visited Olean Monday.

Lawrence Smith of Rixford, called on old friends in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sharp of Austin, have been spending a few days with friends in town.

Mrs. E. W. Lyon and Mr. W. H. Dodd were called to Sweden Valley Thursday last to attend the funeral of a sister-in-law.

J. L. McKinney & Co., so well known in this vicinity as heavy oil operators have recently sold their entire oil property to the Standard Oil Co. We understand that the price received was $1,250,000.

A. N. Lillibridge of Port Allegany was in town on business Monday.

Roswell Sartwell, of Smethport made a short visit to his relatives in town this week.

A new boy arrived at Elmer Hearths last week.

Miss Grace Wilcox of Salamanca, is the guest of the Misses Archibald this week.

The members of the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps of this place held their annual election of officers for the coming year last Friday evening. The officers elected in the Post are as follows:

Commander—J. L. Colton
Sen. Vice Com.—Ezra Marsh
Jun. Vice Com.—Richard Moses.
Quarter Master—A. H. Mayo.
Chaplain—Rev. Brouson

And those in the Corps are as follows:

President—Miss Libbie Moses.
Sen. Vice President—Mrs. Cornelia Zeak.
Jun. Vice President—Miss Mary Biggens.
Treasurer—Mrs. Frank Squires.
Chaplain—Mrs. E. C. Wolcott.
Conductor—Mrs. Susan Howell
Guard—Mrs. Famazin Douglass.

CLERMONT.

G. W. Weaver of Four Mile was in town last Saturday.

Charles Anderson of Colegrove, attended church here last Sunday.

Winter has come and consequently the lumbermen are doing some great hustling.

F. P. McCarthy spent a few days with his parents at Smethport last week.

M. Holcomb of Big Shanty is the guest of his brother F. B. Holcomb, of this place.

A Christmas tree and Sunday school entertainment will be held in the church Christmas night for the Sunday school scholars.

Dr. Brown of Eldred, was in town last Sunday.

Frank Bonsley went to Buffalo on business last Saturday.

Miss Mollie Hafner of Bradford has returned to her home in this place where she will remain until after the holidays.

Wesley Rosabaugh has returned from a visit to his family in Clearfield county.

Tom McCarty was in town this week renewing old acquaintances.

CERES

Rev. J. S. Brown was in Olean Tuesday.

Mrs. L. M. Van Wormer is spending a few days in Smethport.

Clyde Hendryx was in the city of Natural Advantages Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boothe were in Olean Thursday.

The regular quarterly meeting services were held in the M. E. Church Sunday evening, Rev. Bissel presiding.

Mrs. Frank Stevens of Coudersport, is visiting her sister Mrs. Evens this week.

Mrs. R. Simons is in Buffalo this week selecting goods for the holiday trade.

We have a first class opera house in our town and some first class troupes would be well patronized.

The roads are in good condition and plenty of snow and with the thermometer being at zero, the lumbermen and teamsters are happy.

A lottery ticket may sometimes be a paying investment. A far better one is a 25c box of Old Saul's Catarrh Cure. It pays every time.

—Whiskeys, wines and liquors, at N. R. Collins & Co. Bradford, Pa. Largest stock. lowest prices.

G. A. R.

HEADQUARTERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
RUTLAND, VT., NOV. 25, 1890

General Order No. 9.

I. It is the sad duty of the Commander-in-Chief to announce that Comrade Richard F. Tobin, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, elected at the 24th National Encampment at Boston, in August last, died at his home in South Boston, this morning, passing away from this world of shadows before daybreak to the land of cloudless skies and never ending day, "For there shall be no night there."

A gallant young sailor in the Navy under Farragut, an able and accomplished official of his native State and City, a worthy Comrade from his entry as a recruit, a distinguished Commander of his Department in 1886, and fitly chosen to the high office from which he has been mustered out by death. Comrade Tobin was universally and justly loved, trusted and honored, and his record will be a fair and spotless escutcheon on all coming time. Brave, true, loyal and sincere we all mourn his death. Born November 20th, 1844, he was yet young for his final bell to strike, to bid farewell to Shipmate and Comrade.

II. As a mark of respect to his memory all National Department and Post officers will, for thirty days after the receipt of this order when on duty, wear the usual badge of mourning upon the left arm, black crape five inches wide, and a knot of the same material upon the sword hilt, all colors of the order will be draped in mourning for a like period by attaching with black ribbon two streamers of black crape, six inches wide and four feet long, to the ferrule upon the lace below the spear-head. Departments or Posts having Staff Colors will display them at half mast on the day succeeding the receipt of this order.

By command of
W. G. VEAZEY,
Commander-in-Chief.

J. H. GOULDING
Adjutant General

When we reflect that so many human beings die of Consumption we must come to the conclusion that everybody should be provided with Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the poor consumptive's friend.

—Whiskeys, wines and liquors N. R. Collins & Co., Bradford, Pa. Largest stock, lowest prices.

To Owners of Live Stock.

On the 1st of August, 1890, I had four horses insured in the Dauphin County Mutual Live Stock Insurance Company of Millersburg, Pa. On the 7th of Oct., the horse insured under policy No. 2830 became paralyzed and died on the 8th. As the horse was in a log job away from home, and I did not know of his death for some time after I sent the proofs of loss to the home office of the Company Nov. 3d and to-day received the full amount of the insurance, $90 00. I cheerfully recommend the above Company to owners of stock and believe them to be square dealers.

MRS. JAMES CALBERT,
Nov. 19th 1890. Wilcox, Pa.

Do not consult anybody, but invest twenty five cents in a bottle of Salvation Oil. It kills pain!

—The finest stock of robes, blankets and horse furnishings, in this section at Gleason & Lemmler's.

Don't Stand that Pain.

It don't do to neglect nature's warning. aches through the system cause Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Backache and Pain in the Side; a prompt and safe remedy is required. Red Flag Oil, the Famous Pain Cure, fills the bill. Price 25 cents.

Are you consumptive or do you suffer with a Cough or Cold? If so, use Pan-Tina Cough and Consumption Cure. Price 25 and 50 cents.

Trial bottles free at Frank R. Foster's Drug Store.

EVERYBODY'S COLUMN.

Items of Interest Gathered from Various Sources by the Man With the Shears.

—Smoke "First Attempt."

—"First Attempt" clear Havana.

—Go to M. Rosenfeld's for clothes.

—California farmers are organizing.

—In Buffalo the police stopped turkey raffles.

—For fine goods in the liquor line, either for medicinal or family use order of N. R. Collins, & Co., Bradford, Pa.

—D. C. Young has a nice lot of winter apples for sale.

—Parnell hangs on to the leadership like a puppy to a root.

—Whiskeys, wines and liquors, N. R. Collins & Co., Bradford, Pa. Largest stock, lowest prices.

—There are 15,000 policemen in London.

—After breakfast smoke "First Attempt."

—"First Attempt" sold at the Central and Wright House.

—Santa Ana, Cal, has produced a sweet potato 2½ feet in length.

—For fine goods in the liquor line, either for medicinal or family use order of N. R. Collins & Co., Bradford, Pa.

—D. C. Young will have some of those delecous Florida oranges for Christmas same kind he sold last year.

—There are 30,000 Americans who constantly reside in London.

—The finest range ever put on exhibition in Smethport, is for sale at L. W. Mason's hardware store.

—A large and fine selection of all kinds rocking chairs suitable for holiday presents at Reilly's Furniture & Carpet Store, Smethport.

—Six telegrams can be sent on one wire either way at the same time.

—Don't buy robes or blankets until you have examined the stock at Gleason & Lemmler's. Largest and finest stock lowest prices.

—Baltimore, Md., is making an effort to secure straight streets.

—For fine goods in the liquor line either for medicinal or family use order of N. R. Collins & Co., Bradford, Pa.

—Bee men complain of a poor honey year.

—All kinds of House Furnishing goods at Reilly's Furniture & Carpet Store, Smethport, Pa.

—Four thousand murderers are now in the prisons and jails of the United States.

—"Gold Leaf" Whiskeys distilled by Gold Leaf Distilling Co. N. R. Collins & Co., Owners and Proprietors.

—Families, jobbers and everybody can be supplied with fresh and salt meats promptly upon application at Stull's, East Smethport, Pa.

—Last year Americans smoked 630,000,000 cigars.

—"Gold Leaf" Whiskeys distilled by Gold Leaf Distilling Co. N. R. Collins & Co., Owners and Proprietors.

—Hoffman is turning out finer Photos than ever at his gallery on Union St. Do not forget that he has the ground floor and North light, so desirable in that business.

—Go to J. G. Hall, of Port Allegany, Pa., for all kinds of flooring, ceiling, wainscoting, siding, wood turning, mouldings, etc. Pike lever handles a specialty. 6ft

—The calf crop is reported very light in New Mexico.

—"Gold Leaf" Whiskeys, distilled by Gold Leaf Distilling Co. N. R. Collins & Co., Owners and Proprietors.

—There are 5500 Indians in the State of Washington.

—Hoffman at his gallery on Union St., wants none but respectable people. He would rather have the other kind go elsewhere.

—A fuel famine is feared in Nebraska.

The reason why Arnica & Oil Liniment is so popular with the ladies is because it not only is very healing and soothing but its odor is not at all offensive.

—Vermont has adopted the Australian system of voting.

—When you sit for a Photograph it is well to give your custom to a permanently established gallery. Then you will know where the negative is in case you should want duplicates. Hoffman is here to stay and has every facility for turning out everything in his line. Enlargements, Crayon and water colors.

Don't suffer with indigestion, use Baxter's Mandrake Bitters.

—Persons desiring to travel, please call on, or write for rates to W. W. Ball & Sons Railroad Ticket Brokers and Gen. Pass Agts. to any point and over any line. 132 Union St. Olean, N. Y. Telephone connections.

Interesting to Ladies.

For many years I was afflicted with all the horrible tortures incident to the diseases peculiar to my sex and spent a fortune seeking relief among the best physicians of Europe in vain. I was finally cured by a simple vegetable remedy given me by a Franco Mexican Nurse. Desirous that other sufferers may know of it, I will send full particulars to any lady on receipt of stamp to pay postage.

Address—MADAM JULIA LA MONDE,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Holiday Presents.

If you want to make a holiday present be sure to examine the stock at Reilly's Furniture Store, Smethport, Pa.

A Fortunate Woman.

Mrs. Mary L. Baker, of Ovid, Mich., has reason to be very thankful. She was a great sufferer from heart disease for years. Was short of breath, had hungry spells, pain in side, fluttering, faintness, etc. After taking two bottles of Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure, she says, "I am better than for 20 years. My mind and eyesight have improved wonderfully. I advise all persons thus afflicted to use this great remedy. A. B. Armstrong druggist, recommends and guarantees it. Dr. Miles' work on Heart Disease, containing marvelous testimonials, free.

Get Ready for Winter

By making your purchases of the necessaries of life.

Horse Blankets from $1 00 to $4 50.

Sleigh Robes in black, white and gray of bear, dog and wolf skins from $4.50 to $20 00.

Sleigh Bells in nickel and gold from $1 50 to $3 50.

Shaft and Saddel chimes in nickel and gold from $ 50 to $2 50.

Buy your goods at this establishment and save money.

Very Respectfuly
L. EMERY, JR., & Co.
Bradford, Pa.

Smethport Enterprise.

The well known and popular Druggist Frank R. Foster has taken the Agency for Dr. Lee's Liver Regulator, which he recommends for the quick cure of Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Liver Complaint and all Blood Troubles. Trial bottles free.

It is a well known fact that Pan-Tina Cough and Consumption Cure has cured Consumption and Chronic Coughs and Colds when all else failed. Price 25 and 50 cents. Trial bottle free.

Diamonds.

We wish to say to the public that we are prepared to furnish diamonds at a saving to the purchaser of fully 25 per cent. We carry in stock over $8,000 00 worth of these goods in rings, ear drops, lace pins, studs, &c., and also in combination with emeralds, sapphires, rubies, &c.

Will be pleased to have a call from the readers of the McKean MINER.

Very Respectfully,
L. EMERY, JR., & Co.
Bradford, Pa.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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HOLIDAY DISPL

—AT—

D. C. YOUNG'S

NEW -:- STORE

The Best and Cheapest lot of DOLLS ever brought into town. Dressed Dolls from five cents up, worth twice as much.

FANCY -:- TOYS,

Story Books for the Children,
Gift Books for Grown Peo

Pretty Hemstitched Handkerchiefs for 5 and 10 cents, Album Photograph frames, Glove Boxes,

TOILET CASES,

in fact everything to gladden the eye and please the hearts of the people.

And right here I wish to state that nearly all these goods were made in this country, and bought at much lower prices than the same can be purchased abroad. This was all brought about by the

PROTECTIVE TARIFF,

and the genius and intelligence of the American people, consequently the cry that the "tariff is a tax" and that those that buy imported goods pay the tax, will not apply here.

I have American Cashmere, all wool, which I am selling at 50 to 55 cents a yard as good as imported goods at 75 cents, also a full line of Arcade Flannels for women's and children's wear, warranted not to fade or shrink, together with a complete line of

JAMESTOWN DRESS GOODS,

warranted in the same way, that cannot be beaten in the world for price and durability. I also have a full line of Jamestown Hosiery, which pleases all my customers, and one of the finest stocks of

BOOTS, SHOES & RUBBER GOODS

in the country, and at the old prices, together with a new lot of Slippers for Christmas.

My line of Groceries is very fine as will be attested by all who use them.

My stock of goods is so large and varied that it is impossible to mention even a small part of what I keep. Come to my store and prove for yourself that prices have not advanced, but are lower than ever before. If you do not see what you want call for it, and the goods will be cheerfully shown you.

D. C. YOUNG.

Smethport, Pa., Dec. 9, 1890.

HOLIDAY GOODS

—AT—

STICKNEY, BELL & CO'S.

HANDKERCHIEFS.
Our assortment this year is greater than ever and is almost endless in variety. Black silk, white silk, colored silk, embroidered silk, black linen, hemstitched, fancy colored borders, embroidered edges, etc., from 2 cents to $2 each.

MUFFLERS.
Silk mufflers, cashmere mufflers, kid gloves, driving gloves, fur caps, all the latest novelties. Men's Slippers, ladies' slippers, children's slippers, solid-comfort shoes for grandma.

Smyrna Rugs. -:- Lace Curtains.

DOLLS.
Dolls in great variety. Our 99-cent doll, 33 inches tall, is a wonder. All the little folks want one. Talking dolls, dressed dolls, rubber dolls.

Plush and Leather Goods
in the newest devices. Albums, dressing cases, toilet cases, manicure setts, smoking setts, cigar cases, broom holders, etc.

BOOKS.
Bibles, poems, elegantly bound, popular cloth-bound books, story Times, one syllable histories, picture books, linen a b c books, Christmas cards.

TOYS.
Tin toys, wooden toys, iron toys, child's dishes, cups and saucers, bisque figures, pocket knives, games.

Come and See Our Christmas Goods.

Smethport, Dec. 9, 1890. STICKNEY, BELL & CO.

CLOAKS! CLOAKS!

JUST RECEIVED,

New Plush Jackets and Cloaks.

We have about 50 Newmarkets in sizes 32, 34, 36 and 38,

Garments that sold at $7, $8, $10 and $12, all marked to sell at $5 each.

Misses Coats and Newmarkets, from 4 to 18 years, at proportionately low prices.

Don't fail to call early and get a bargain.

MRS. T. D. NASH.

Smethport, December 5, 1890—4w.

Western New York & Pa. R. R.

Time Table in effect Nov. 23, 1890.

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Bradford, Bordell and Kinzua R. R. Co.

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Philadelphia & Erie Railroad

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Free Lands.
New Towns
Low Rates
Hunting, Fishing.
Horses, Cattle.
Wealth
Sheep, Lands.
Gold, Silver.
Milk River.
Fertile Lands.
Young Man!
Fertile Soils.
G. N. R. L.

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TAKE THE -:- LACKAWANNA -:- ROUTE

[illegible] Corning, Elmira, Binghamton, New York [illegible]

[illegible]

Hornellsville, N. Y.

BEST COUGH MEDICINE. PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.

It has permanently cured THOUSANDS of cases pronounced by Doctors hopeless. If you have premonitory symptoms, such as Cough, Difficulty of Breathing, &c., don't delay, but use PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION immediately. By Druggists. 25 cents.

H. W. RUBIN & CO.,

THE LEADING

-:-CLOTHIERS,-:-

SMETHPORT, PA.

CUSTOM CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Fine suitings, Overcoatings, Pantaloonings and Vestings. The finest line in this section of the country.

READY-MADE CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

A Full and Complete Line. Prices to correspond with the times, and satisfaction guaranteed in every case.

A FULL LINE OF BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

The latest novelties and finest stock of

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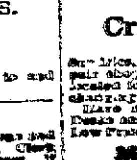

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Comprehensive View of the Old Law and McKinley Bill.

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Of the Fourteen Schedules the Changes in Ten Are Here Given Entire, While Four Are Partially Condensed—The Most Important Changes Carefully Noted—Greatest Changes in Tobacco.

To a complete understanding of the McKinley bill, the reader must bear in mind that a change from ad valorem to specific duties may mean either an increase or a decrease without that fact being at first view apparent. A specific duty is a fixed sum on each ton, pound, gallon or hundred of any article imported. An ad valorem duty is a fixed percentage on the cost of the article.

For instance, the 20 cents a bushel on wheat was but 10 per cent when wheat was $2 per bushel and 20 per cent. when wheat declined to $1. To equalize these conditions the McKinley bill changes many articles from ad valorem to specific, and imposes duties of both kinds on articles thought to be liable to fluctuations, but the exact increase or decrease depends on so many contingencies that it cannot be exactly set forth in tables like these.

No mention is here made of any articles of commerce on which the rates of duty have not been changed. In the free list only such articles are mentioned as have been added. The first figures given show the new rate, the second the old. In order to save space the metal, cotton, wood and sugar schedules have been somewhat condensed. In the free list only additions to the old list have been given.

SCHEDULE A—CHEMICALS, OILS, PAINTS.

ACIDS.

Acetic or pyroligneous acid, not exceeding the specific gravity of 1.047 per lb, 1½c, 2c, exceeding the specific gravity of 1.047 per lb, 4c, 10c.

Boracic acid, per lb, 5c, 4c and 5c.

Chromic acid, per lb, 5c, 15 p c.

Sulphuric acid or oil of vitriol, not otherwise specially provided for, per lb, ¼c, free.

Tannic acid or tannin, per lb, 75c, $1.

Ammonia—Carbonate of, per lb, 1½c, 20 p c; muriate of, or sal-ammoniac, per lb, ¾c, 10 p c; sulphate of, per lb, ½c, 20 p c.

Blue vitriol, or sulphate of copper, per lb, 2c, 3c.

Camphor, refined, per lb, 4c, 5c.

Chalk, prepared, precipitated, French and red, per lb, 1c, 20 p c.

Chloroform, per lb, 25c, 50c.

COAL TAR PREPARATIONS.

Cobalt, oxide of, per lb, 30c, 30 p c.

Ethers, sulphuric, per lb, 40c, 50c.

Spirits of nitrous ether, per lb, 25c, 30c.

Extracts and decoctions of logwood and other dye woods, extract of sumac and extracts of barks such as are commonly used for dyeing or tanning, not specially provided for in this act, per lb, ⅞c, 10 p c. Old rate, extract of sumac, 20 p c.

Extracts of hemlock bark, per lb, ½c, 20 p c.

Gelatine, glue and isinglass, or fish glue, valued at not above 7c per lb, per lb, 1½c, 25 to 20 p c; valued at above 7c per lb and not above 30c, per lb, ad valorem 25 p c, 20 to 30 p c; valued at above 30c per lb, ad valorem, 30 p c, 20 to 30 p c.

Glycerine, crude, not purified, per lb, 1¾c, 2c; refined, per lb, 4½c, 5c.

Indigo, extracts or pastes of, per lb, ¾c, 10 p c; carmined, per lb, 10c, 10 p c.

[illegible] resublimed, per lb, 30c, 40c.

[illegible] per lb, 5, 10, $1.

Licorice, extracts of, in paste rolls or other forms, per lb, 5½c, 5c and 7½c.

Magnesia, carbonate of, medicinal, per lb, 4c, 5c; calcined, per lb, 8c, 10c; sulphate or Epsom salts, per lb, ⅛c, 1⅝c.

Morphia or morphine and all salts thereof, per ounce, 50c, $1.

OILS.

[illegible]

SAND, PAINTS, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] POTASH.

Caustic or hydrate of, refined, in sticks or rolls, per lb, 1c, 20 p c.

Nitrate of, or saltpeter, refined, per lb, 1c, 1½c.

PREPARATIONS.

Calomel and other mercurial medicinal preparations, ad valorem, 35 p c, 35 p c.

[illegible] or over of alcohol, per lb, $2, $2.

Castile soap, per lb, 1½c, 20 p c.

SODA.

Bicarbonate of soda, or supercarbonate of, or saleratus, per lb, 1c, 1½c.

Sulphate of soda, or salt cake or niter cake, per ton, $1.25, 20 p c.

Strychnia or strychnine and all salts thereof, per ounce, 40c, 50c.

Sulphur, refined, per ton, $8, $10; sublimed or flowers of, per ton, $20, $20.

Sumac, ground, per lb, 4-10c, 3-10c.

SCHEDULE B—EARTHS, EARTHENWARE, GLASSWARE.

BRICK AND TILE.

Fire brick, not glazed, enameled, ornamented or decorated in any manner, per ton, $1.25, 20 p c.

Glazed, enameled, ornamented or decorated, ad valorem, 45 p c, 20 p c.

Tiles and brick, other than fire brick, not glazed, ornamented, painted, enameled, vitrified or decorated, ad valorem, 25 p c, 20 p c.

Ornamented, glazed, painted, enameled, vitrified or decorated, and all encaustic, ad valorem, 45 p c, 20 p c. Old rate, encaustic, 35 p c.

CEMENT, LIME, PLASTER.

Roman, Portland and other hydraulic cement, in barrels, sacks or other packages, per 100 lb, including weight of barrel or package, 8c, 20 p c; in bulk, per 100 lb, 7c, 20 p c.

Lime, per 100 lb, including weight of barrel or package, 6c, 10 p c.

Plaster of Paris, or gypsum, ground, per ton, $1, 20 p c; calcined, per ton, $1.75, 20 p c.

EARTHENWARE, CHINA.

[illegible] each, $3, 25 p c.

GLASS, GLASSWARE.

Green and colored, molded or pressed, and flint, and lime glass bottles, holding more than one pint, and demijohns and carboys (covered or uncovered) and other molded or pressed green and colored, and flint, or lime bottle glassware, not specially provided for, per lb, 1c, 1c, 30 p c when filled, exclusive of contents.

Green and colored, molded or pressed, and flint, and lime glass bottles, and vials holding not more than one pint and not less than one-quarter of a pint, per lb, 1½c, 1c, 30 p c when filled, exclusive of contents. If holding less than one-fourth of a pint, per gross, 50c, 1c lb, 30 p c when filled, exclusive of contents. The value of bottles containing any of these articles must also be counted if the tax is ad valorem—if otherwise bottles must be tariffed as glass, and none at less than 30 p c.

Flint and lime pressed glassware, not cut, engraved, painted, etched, decorated, colored, printed, stained, silvered or gilded, ad valorem, 60 p c, 40 p c.

All articles of glass, cut, engraved, painted, colored, printed, stained, decorated, silvered or gilded, not including plate glass silvered, or looking glass plates, ad valorem, 60 p c, 45 p c.

Thin blown glass, blown with or without a mold, including glass chimneys and all other manufactures of glass or of which glass shall be the component material of chief value, not specially provided for in this act, ad valorem, 60 p c, 45 p c.

Heavy blown glass, blown with or without a mold, not cut or decorated, finished or unfinished, 60 p c, 40 p c.

Porcelain or opal glassware, ad valorem, 60 p c, 45 p c.

Unpolished cylinder, crown and common window glass above 24 by 30 inches square, per lb, [illegible].

Cylinder and crown glass, polished, above 24 by 30 inches square, per square foot, 4c, 5c.

All glass, rolled or rough plate glass, weighing over 100 lbs per 100 square feet, shall pay an additional duty on the excess at the same rates herein imposed. (The above was the old provision.) Provided, That all of the above plate glass, when ground, smoothed or otherwise obscured, shall be subject to the same rate of duty as cast polished plate glass unsilvered. But no looking glass plates, or plate glass silvered, when framed, shall pay a less rate of duty than that imposed upon similar glass of like description not framed, but shall pay in addition thereto upon such frames the rate of duty applicable thereto when imported separately. (The old additional duty when framed was 30 p c upon the frames.) Cast polished plate glass, silvered or unsilvered, and cylinder, crown or common window glass, when ground, obscured, frosted, sanded, enameled, beveled, etched, embossed, engraved, stained, colored or otherwise ornamented or decorated, shall be subject to a duty of 10 p c ad valorem, in addition to the rates otherwise chargeable thereon. (This is a new classification, such glass heretofore being subject to various duties.)

Spectacles and eyeglasses, 60 p c, 45 p c, on spectacles and eyeglass frames, ad valorem, 60 p c, 45 p c.

On lenses costing $1.50 per gross pairs, or less, ad valorem, 60 p c, 45 p c.

Spectacles and eyeglass lenses with their edges [illegible]

gypsum or mineral [illegible] ad valorem, 40 p c, 45 p c.

STONE.

Burr stones manufactured or bound up into millstones, ad valorem, 15 p c, 20 p c.

Freestone, granite, sandstone, limestone and other building or monumental stone, except marble, unmanufactured or undressed, not specially provided for in this act, per cubic foot, 11c, $1 per ton.

Freestone, granite, sandstone, limestone and other building or monumental stone, except marble, not specially provided for in this act, hewn, dressed or polished, ad valorem, 40 p c, 20 p c.

SCHEDULE C—METALS AND MANUFACTURES OF.

Schedule C, including metals and manufactures thereof, is the most complex in the bill, containing 127 specifications. Of these 87 increase the rates and 40 reduce them. There are also many changes from ad valorem to specific duties, and many provisos that no amount of rust or [illegible] shall be allowed for, as well as many changes of classification in iron and steel—all tending to operate as increases.

Most important among the provisions are these: Any ore of other metal containing more than 2 p c of copper is tariffed extra ½c per lb on the copper. Silver ores heretofore admitted free are taxed 1½c per lb on the lead therein. All tin ores and pig tin, heretofore free, are to be taxed 4c per lb after July 1, 1893, but if on July 1, 1895, the product of American mines shall not have reached 5,000 tons per year this duty shall cease and all tin and tin ores be free. After July 1, 1891, all manufactured articles of tin and of sheet iron or steel coated with tin (commonly called "tin plate") shall be tariffed 55 p c, but if the amount of tin plate lighter than 63 lbs per 100 square feet (manufactured) shall not equal one-third the amount imported by July 1, 1897, then after the 1st of October, 1897, the plates of that weight shall be admitted free.

There is also a final provision that all articles not herein specifically provided for and composed wholly or in part of any metal tariffed, whether partly or wholly manufactured, shall pay a duty of 45 p c. Experts differ widely as to the effects of the metal schedule, but all agree that it amounts to a considerable advance.

SCHEDULE D—WOOD AND MANUFACTURES OF.

On sawed, hewn and squared timber there is a more uniform reduction of one-half, but the planed, from 50c to $1.50 per 1,000 feet is added, according to the fineness of the finish. If, however, any country shall put an export duty on lumber then the old rates of duty are to be charged. Cedar, which was free, is to pay 20 p c, and the fine woods like mahogany, etc., are to pay a considerable advance on the old rates.

SCHEDULE E—SUGAR.

The sugar schedule has four provisions: 1. All sugars below No. 16, Dutch standard, and all molasses are admitted free. 2. All sugars above No. 16 are tariffed ½c per lb and 1-10 extra if imported from countries which pay a bounty on the exportation of such sugars higher than they pay on lower grade sugars. 3. The president is authorized to impose duties on all sugars, molasses, coffee, tea and hides from any country which imposes on the products of the United States duties he may deem unequal and unreasonable, the object being to secure reciprocity. 4. A bounty is to be paid on sugars produced in the United States: 2c per lb for sugar testing 90 degrees or more and 1¾c per lb on sugars below 90 and above 80. Strict rules are laid down for preventing fraud, and no bounty is to be paid to any one producing less than 500 lbs. All these provisions take effect April 1, 1891, and apply to all kinds of sugar. All machinery for making beet sugar is admitted free till July 1, 1892. But glucose or grape sugar is raised with confectionery and tariffed ¾c per lb. Other confectioneries from [illegible] p c.

SCHEDULE F—TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURES OF.

Leaf tobacco suitable for cigar wrappers, if not stemmed, per lb, $2, 75c; if stemmed, per lb, $2.75, $1.

Provided, that if any portion of any tobacco imported in any bale, box or package, or in bulk, shall be suitable for cigar wrappers, the entire quantity of tobacco contained in such bale, box or package or bulk shall be dutiable as above (new).

All other tobacco in leaf unmanufactured and not stemmed, per lb, 35c, 35c; if stemmed, per lb, 50c, 40c.

Cigars, cigarettes, and cheroots of all kinds, per lb, $4.50 and 25 p c, $2.50 and 25 p c.

Paper cigars and cigarettes, including wrappers, shall be subject to the same duties as are herein imposed upon cigars.

SCHEDULE G—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND PROVISIONS.

ANIMALS LIVE.

Horses and mules, per head, $30, 20 p c; provided that horses valued at $150 and over shall pay a duty of 30 p c ad valorem.

Cattle, more than 1 year old, per head, $10, 20 p c; 1 year old or less, per head, $2, 20 p c.

Hogs, per head, $1.50, 20 p c.

Sheep, 1 year old or more, per head, $1.50, 20 p c; less than 1 year, per head, 75c, 20 p c.

BREADSTUFFS AND FARINACEOUS SUBSTANCES.

Barley, per bushel of 48 lbs, 30c, 10c.

Barley malt, per bushel of 34 lbs, 45c, 20c.

Barley, pearled, patented or hulled, per lb, 2c, ½c.

Buckwheat, per bushel of 48 lbs, 15c, 10 p c.

Corn or maize, per bushel of 56 lbs, 15c, 10c.

Cornmeal, per bushel of 48 lbs, 20c, 10c.

Macaroni, vermicelli and all similar preparations, per lb, 2c, 20 p c.

Oats, per bushel, 15c, 10c.

Oatmeal, per lb, 1c, ½c.

Rice, cleaned, per lb, 2c, 2½c; uncleaned, per lb, 1½c; paddy, ¾c, 1¼c; rice flour and rice meal, per lb, ¼c, 20 p c; rice, broken, which will pass through a sieve known commercially as No. 12 wire sieve, per lb, ¼c, new.

Wheat, per bushel, 25c, 20c.

Wheat flour, ad valorem, 25 p c, 20 p c.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.

Butter and substitutes therefor, per lb, 6c, 4c.

Cheese, per lb, 6c, 4c.

Milk, fresh, per gallon, 5c, 10 p c.

Milk, preserved or condensed, including weight of packages, per lb, 3c, 20 p c.

Sugar of milk, per lb, 8c, free.

FARM AND FIELD PRODUCTS.

Beans, per bushel of 60 pounds, 40c, 10 p c.

Beans, peas and mushrooms, prepared or preserved, in tins, jars, bottles or otherwise, ad valorem, 40 p c, 30 p c.

Live or dressed poultry, 3c, free.

Cabbages, each, 3c, 10 p c.

Cider, per gallon, 5c, 20 p c.

Eggs, per dozen, 5c, free.

Eggs, yolk of, ad valorem, 25 p c, 20 p c.

Hay, per ton, $4, $2.

Honey, per lb, 20c, 20c.

Onions, per bushel, 40c, 10 p c.

Peas, green, in bulk or in barrels, sacks or similar packages, per bushel of 60 lbs, 40c, 10 p c.

Peas, dried, per bushel, 20c, 20 p c.

Split peas, per bushel of 60 lbs, 50c, 20 p c.

Peas in cartons, papers or other small packages, per lb, 1c, new.

Plants, trees, shrubs and vines of all kinds, commonly known as nursery stock, not specially provided for, ad valorem, 20 p c, free.

Potatoes, per bushel of 60 lbs, 25c, 15c.

SEEDS.

Flaxseed or linseed, poppy seed and other oil seeds not specially provided for, per bushel of 56 lbs, 30c, 20c, but no drawback shall be allowed on oil cake made from imported seed.

Agricultural seeds, ad valorem, 20 p c, free.

Vegetables of all kinds, prepared or preserved, 45 p c, 30 p c.

Pickles and sauces of all kinds, not specially provided for, ad valorem, 45 p c, 35 p c.

Vegetables in their natural state not specially provided for in this act, ad valorem, 25 p c, 10 p c.

Straw, ad valorem, 30 p c, free.

Teazles, ad valorem, 30 p c, free.

FISH.

Fish, smoked, dried, salted, pickled, frozen, packed in ice or otherwise prepared for preservation, not specially provided for, per lb, ¾c, [illegible]

Fresh fish, ¼c, free.

Herrings, fresh, per lb, ½c, free.

Fish in cans or packages made of tin or other material, except anchovies and sardines and fish packed in any other manner not specially enumerated or provided for, ad valorem, 30 p c, 25 p c and 30 p c.

Cans or packages made of tin or other metal, containing shell fish admitted free of duty, not exceeding one quart in contents, per dozen cans or packages, 3c, 15c; when exceeding one quart, for every additional duty per dozen for each additional half quart or fractional part thereof, 4c, 0c. Provided that until June 30, 1891, such cans or packages shall be admitted as now provided by law.

FRUITS AND NUTS.

Fruits—Apples, green or ripe, per bushel, 25c, free.

Apples, dried, desiccated, evaporated or prepared in any manner, and not otherwise provided for, per lb, 2c, free.

Grapes, per bbl of three cubic feet capacity or fractional part thereof, 60c, 20 p c.

Plums and prunes, per lb, 2c, 1c.

Figs, per lb, 2½c, 2c.

Oranges, lemons and limes, in packages of capacity of 1¼ cubic feet or less, per package, 13c; in packages of capacity exceeding 1¼ cubic feet and not exceeding 2½ cubic feet, per package, 25c; in packages of capacity exceeding 2½ cubic feet and not exceeding 5 cubic feet, per package, 50c; in packages of capacity exceeding 5 cubic feet, for every additional cubic foot or fractional part thereof, 10c; in bulk, per thousand, $1.50; and in addition thereto a duty of 30 p c ad valorem upon the boxes or barrels containing such oranges, lemons or limes. Old Rates—Oranges, [illegible] Half boxes, 13c; boxes, 25c; other packages, 20 p c; bulk, $1.60 per thousand. Lemons: Half boxes, 13c; boxes, 30c; other packages, 20 p c; bulk, $1 per thousand. Limes, 20 p c.

Raisins, per lb, 2½c, 2c.

Fruits, preserved in their own juices, ad valorem, 30 p c, 20 p c.

Orange peel and lemon peel, preserved or candied, per lb, 2c, 35 p c.

[To be continued.]

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H. H. CHOATE, Secretary
Smethport, Pa., Nov 19, 1890

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FARM, FIELD, GARDEN.

NEWS, NOTES AND EXPERIENCES IN FARM LIFE.

Comparative Cost and Characteristic Value for Dairy Purposes of Linseed Oil Cake Meal as Made by the Old and the New Processes.

In the interest of the dairymen of the state experiments were instituted at the Massachusetts state experiment station to determine the relative values of the oil cake meal made by the new and the old processes. In the local markets the old process linseed oil cake meal is sold at $27 per ton and the new process at $26 for the same weight. The first named article is obtained by subjecting the seed to the action of a powerful press to secure its oil, while the latter is produced by the aid of a new process which favors a more thorough abstraction of the oil and involves a boiling of the seeds. The difference in the treatment of the seed for the separation of the oil, says Director Goessman, explains one of the most characteristic differences in the composition of both kinds of linseed meal, for old process meal contains, as a rule, a larger percentage of oil or fat and a smaller one of the organic nitrogen containing matter than the new process meal.

Five cows were selected for the trial, and the experiment extended over six successive months. When summarized the results showed that for dairy purposes, at the stated market prices, under otherwise corresponding circumstances and when used in equal parts these meals may serve in place of each other without materially affecting the financial side of the operation. As the old process meal has a well established reputation as a suitable food for dairy cows so the new process article may claim a similar position in the front rank of concentrated feed stuffs for dairy purposes. A careful selection of suitable associated fodder constituents is, however, in both instances necessary to show their real economic value.

The Care of Cows' Feet.

An English farm journal gives some useful information on a point that has received little attention, which is in brief as follows:

Every dairyman that wishes to prevent his cows from losing flesh, condition and milking power should attend carefully to the soundness of their feet, for they, more than other domesticated animals, are liable to that painful and injurious disease foul in the feet. The main cause of this disease lies in two facts—first that cows are cloven footed, second, that their habits lead them to wade through mud. When any kind of filth becomes lodged for a time between the hoofs the part becomes inflamed, swells and discharges matter while a fungoid growth develops at the same time. Steers are not so liable to this disease as cows for not being so much accustomed to indoor feeding they have not the same inclination to roam about before the proper time, crowd around the gate and convert the ground into a mire. Other causes for this disease are tubercle and a strain to the foot.

Treatment advised when the trouble has come from filth between the hoofs is that the foot should be washed, poulticed with linseed and afterward dressed with sulphate of copper, carbolic acid or butter of antimony. The foot should be kept clean and the cow indoors to rest. When it comes from the foot, the cause there has probably been an excessive growth of the horny part. The toe nails should therefore be cut with a sharp, fine toothed saw, while the front of the sole must sometimes be pared as well. When tubercle is the cause the disease is too deeply seated for treatment.

The Depth of Drains.

The relation of the depth and distance apart of drains is considered by Klippart as follows: The idea that depth will compensate for frequency in all cases seems now to be abandoned. It is certain that clay soils which readily absorb moisture and yet are strongly retentive cannot be drained with sufficient rapidity or even thoroughness by drains at any depth unless they are also within certain distances. In a porous soil, as a general rule the deeper the drain the farther it will draw. The tendency of water is to the level in the soil but capillary attraction and mechanical obstructions offer constant resistance to this tendency. The further water has to pass in the soil the longer time, other things being equal, will be required for the passage. Therefore although a single deep drain might in ten days lower the water line as much as two drains of the same depth, or in other words might draw the water all down to its own level, yet it is quite evident that two drains might do the work in less time—possibly in five days. We have seen already the necessity of laying drains deep enough to be below the reach of the subsoil plow and below frost so that in the northern states the question of shallow drainage seems hardly debatable. Yet if we adopt the conclusion that four feet is the least allowable depth where an outfall can be found there may be the question still whether in very open soils a still greater depth may not be expedient, to be compensated by increased distance.

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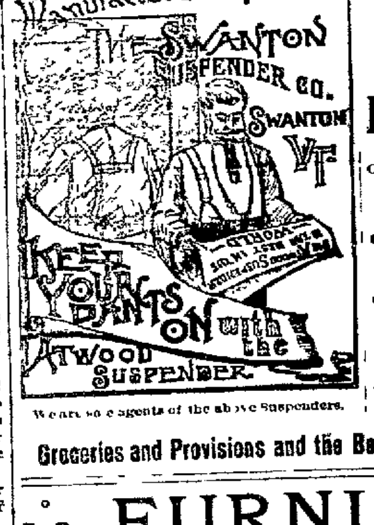

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